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# CNMI cadets triumph at national drill meet

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Cadets from Saipan Southern, Tinian, and Rota high schools arrived yesterday from California with a boatload of trophies that they won at a national drill meet last April 27.

According to Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps instructor Richard Basa, JROTC cadets are sharing with the CNMI the many awards and trophies they won at the 2019 Golden Bear West Coast National Drill Meet at the North High School in Torrance, California.

Basa said the cadets of Saipan Southern High School,

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The CNMI Multiple School Unit Brigade from Saipan Southern High School, Tinian High School, and Rota High School represented the CNMI at the recently concluded 2019 Golden Bear West Coast National Drill Meet in Torrance, California, last weekend.

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## CNMI PREVAILING WAGE SURVEY ON TRACK

# '$4.30 difference in Guam-NMI wages'

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The first round of the prevailing wage survey that data company Hive Analytic is doing for the CNMI is on track and the initial finding is that there is a $4.30 difference between the CNMI and Guam's prevailing wage.

Deleon Guerrero

Hive Analytic president Matt Deleon Guerrero disclosed this during a Saipan Chamber of Commerce meeting yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club, saying the first round of the prevailing wage survey was finished last April 22. The survey began last April 8.

"We compared what we had

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# Clashes rock Venezuela

An anti-government protester walks near a bus that was set on fire by opponents of Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro during clashes between rebel and loyalist soldiers in Caracas, Venezuela, Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

By SCOTT SMITH and CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
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**CARACAS, Venezuela** (AP)—Opposition leader Juan Guaidó took a bold step to revive his movement to seize power in Venezuela, taking to the streets Tuesday to call for a military uprising that drew quick support from the Trump administration and fierce re-

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# Families still awaiting housing aid

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***Second part of a series***

*Editor's Note: The following is part of a continuing series that* Saipan Tribune *correspondent Reica Ramirez is examining to see how people are coping six months after Super Typhoon Yutu devastated Saipan and Tinian.*

Soon after Super Typhoon Yutu levelled Saipan and Tinian in October 2018, many families were given tents where they could take shelter

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Sanry's house and tent, six months after Super Typhoon Yutu.

REICA RAMIREZ

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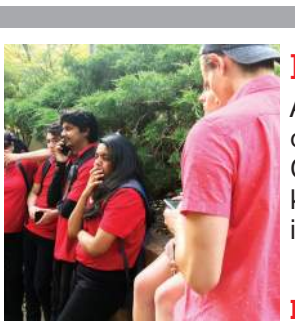

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Local

# Study: Coral reef barriers provide flood protections

**» More than 18,000 people, $1.8 billion worth of coastal infrastructure and economic activity protected each year**

The U.S. Geological Survey released yesterday the findings of a new, in-depth study demonstrating annual benefits of coral reefs. That includes flood-protection barrier for more than 18,000 coastal citizens and $1.8 billion worth of coastal infrastructure in the United States and its trust territories.

The study, called "Rigorously Valuing the Role of U.S. Coral Reefs in Coastal Hazard Risk Reduction," is intended to help managers take effective actions to reduce the risk to, and increase the resiliency of, U.S. mainland and U.S. insular area coastal communities to flooding and other hazards.

The study was funded in part by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs.

The research, led by USGS research geologist Curt Storlazzi, analyzed flood risk and assessed reef benefits of popu-

**BACKGROUND**

**The new report titled "Rigorously Valuing the Role of US Coral Reefs in Coastal Hazard Risk Reduction," was conducted by scientists with the USGS, The Nature Conservancy, the University of California at Santa Cruz and Deltares. It was funded by USGS and DOI Office of Insular Affairs.**

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Research geologist Curt Storlazzi free-dives in order to set an instrument on the reef off Kauai, Hawaii in March of 2015.

lated U.S. reef-lined coasts of Hawaii, Florida, American Samoa, Guam, the CNMI, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

It is the first time that scientists have combined real-world computer models of storms and waves with engineering, ecological, mapping and social and economic tools to create detailed, rigorous estimates of the value of coral reef defenses along U.S. mainland and U.S. insular area coastlines, both in the long-term (annualized) and for more infrequent events such as 50- or 100-year storms.

The study models can forecast localized threats to people and economic damage in areas with and without coral reefs at a 10-square meter (108 square feet) resolution along more than 3,100 kilometers (1,920 miles) of populated U.S. coral reef-lined shoreline.

Coral reefs, noted Storlazzi, are coastal barriers that can substantially reduce coastal flooding and erosion by reducing the energy of waves as they wash ashore.

"Our goal in this study was to provide sound science to identify where, when and how U.S. coral reefs provide significant coastal flood reduction benefits to ultimately save dollars and protect lives," said Storlazzi.

The value of coastal flood risk-reduction provided by coral reefs varies from location to location, primarily because of population density and the elevation of coastal areas.

For example, coral reefs shield more than 3,300 people on Maui each year but just over 100 in Guam, where most housing and infrastructure is located at higher elevations because of the nearly constant threat of typhoons.

Coral reefs annually protect $183 million worth of buildings and economic activity in Puerto Rico, $675 million in Florida and $836 million in Hawaii.

According to Storlazzi, these data indicate that in the event of a 50-year storm (which has a 2 percent chance of occurring in any given year), the economic and protective benefits of coral reefs are even greater. In such a storm, for example, coral reefs off the heavily urbanized coast of Miami-Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, would provide more than $1.6 billion in protection, and off the coast of Honolulu, Hawaii, they would provide more than $435 million in protection.

"This approach represents a massive advance in the precision and resolution of flood-risk assessment for ecosystems and in coral reef-lined areas and is an approach that can be applied to other ecosystems, such as coastal vegetation," said University of California at Santa Cruz research scientist Borja Reguero. "In addition, the model can be used to assess the impacts of future changes in storms or sea level."

The study also calculates the extent to which critical infrastructure, such as hospitals, fire stations, roads and power plants, are protected from coastal flooding by coral reefs.

"We provide clear values of risk and reef benefit to inform key decisions in flood hazard mitigation, storm recovery spending and coral reef management," said Michael Beck, UCSC research professor and former lead marine scientist with The Nature Conservancy.

USGS director James Reilly pointed out that, as the study shows, USGS science can help save lives, minimize property damage and reduce risks from natural hazards.

"Information at this fine resolution is critical to coastal managers and planners working on flood mitigation, coastal defense, transportation and hurricane response and recovery from the local to national scales," Reilly added.

DOI Insular and International Affairs assistant secretary Doug Domenech said that Interior was glad to collaborate with the USGS and leverage funds available through the Coral Reef and Natural Resources Initiative.

"This highlights the important role that coral reefs play not only for coastal communities in the U.S. mainland, but also in the U.S. insular areas," he said. "These research results will be of great interest to the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force, a body tasked to lead U.S. efforts on coral reef ecosystems and that the Interior and the Department of Commerce chair jointly." ***(USGS)***

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# Airport's commuter tenants move to containers

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The commuter tenants at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport no longer operate out of tents in the commuter parking area, according to Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Christopher S. Tenorio Tuesday.

He did not elaborate, though, but *Saipan Tribune* later learned from CPA that commuter tenants—Star Marianas Air, Arctic Circle Air, Vertical Air, and LSG Sky Chefs—are now using containers that CPA had converted into offices. These containers have air-conditioning units. There was no immediate information as to when the tenants moved to the containers.

After Super Typhoon's devastation last October, the commuter building, which handles inter-island flights between Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, sustained extensive damage. As a result, commuter tenants were forced to operate out of tents in the commuter parking area.

A CPA project status report disclosed that, as of last Wednesday, April 24, the commuter terminal canopy replacement project is on hold until CPA decides on the fate of the commuter terminal.

According to the status report obtained by *Saipan Tribune*, the canopy replacement project consists of replacing the steel canopy from the commuter terminal to the bus parking lot.

Outside the commuter terminal, the canopy collapsed due to Yutu.

Yutu's biggest damage at the Saipan airport were the air-conditioning units. The project to replace them is ongoing, according to CPA, with four of the eight units already installed.

According to CPA's latest status report, the project consists of replacing eight air-conditioning units, including two at the departure terminal, two at the arrival Customs terminal, three at the west corridor, and one at the arrival immigration area.

# Berline to issue subpoena for Tenorio

The defense lawyer in the case of a man who is accused of raping an intoxicated woman in 2016 would like to subpoena the previous prosecutor in the case, Teri Tenorio, who has already left the island.

Bruce Berline told Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert Naraja that he would like to summon Tenorio because she could be personally liable for prosecutorial misconduct.

This contradicts Berline's statement in a status conference in March, when he said said it would not be necessary to subpoena Tenorio.

Tenorio left the island over a month ago after her contract with the Office of the Attorney General expired.

Berline asked the court to give him 30 days to summon Tenorio because it's important that she responds.

Berline told the court that, at this point, it should not affect Manolo Romolor's scheduled trial. Berline adds that he will continue to serve as Romolor's lawyer pro bono.

The jury trial for Romolor will begin on May 13. The motions hearing has been continued to May 30 to allot Berline time to locate Tenorio and summon her.

Berline earlier asked the court to sanction Tenorio; he alleged prosecutorial misconduct. He told the court that the amount of time spent preparing and defending his client for a jury trial that ended in a mistrial last February led to the loss of over $1,000 in his fees. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

# 'Taste' contest registration opens

Chefs of all calibers are invited to sign up for two cooking contests to be held at the 21st Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden during May 2019 Tourism Month.

Registration is now open for the Kadun Pika Contest sponsored by Ladder Beach Restaurant on May 4, the BBQ Whole Chicken Contest on May 11, and the J's Fried Rice Eating Contest on May 18 sponsored by J's Restaurant. Registration forms are now available on the Marianas Calendar at www.mymarianas.com.

"We want to thank Ladder Beach Restaurant and J's Restaurant for their generous support of this year's Taste of the Marianas, and especially for making it possible for homegrown and professionally trained chefs to come out and demonstrate their culinary skill," said Marianas Visitors Authority Community projects manager Martin Duenas. "We invite everyone to stop by the secondary stage area at 'Taste' and enjoy the friendly competition."

Prizes for the Kadun Pika Cookoff are:

■ First place: dinner buffet for two at Killi Café and one night stay at Hyatt Regency Saipan, a $250 gift certificate to Chairman M restaurant, and a $50 gift certificate to Ladder Beach Restaurant (nearly $900 in prizes);

■ Second place: Sunday brunch for two at Giovanni's at Hyatt Regency Saipan, a $150 gift certificate to Chairman M restaurant, lunch for two at World Café at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, and a $125 gift certificate to Ladder Beach Restaurant (over $400 in prizes); and

■ Third place, a $100 gift certificate to Chairman M restaurant, seafood dinner for two at World Café at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, and a $75 gift certificate to Ladder Beach Restaurant (over $200 in prizes).

Prizes for the BBQ Whole Chicken Cookoff are:

■ First place: one-night stay and dinner buffer for two at Hyatt Regency Saipan and a $250 gift certificate from Chairman M restaurant;

■ Second place: Sunday brunch for two at Giovanni's at Hyatt Regency Saipan, Sunday brunch for two at World Café at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, and a $150 gift certificate from Chairman M restaurant; and

■ Third place: cultural dinner show for two at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan and a $100 gift certificate to Chairman M restaurant.

The Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden is an annual signature event of the MVA and is one of the largest celebrations in the Marianas.

The festival features international cuisine at affordable prices from local hotels and restaurant vendors, non- stop live entertainment on the main stage. The festival will also feature the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands Junior Chefs Competition on May 25, also sponsored by Triple J Five Star Wholesale.

Each Saturday, the first 40 patrons to purchase $40 or more in Taste tokens will receive a free caricature sketch by Ronald Valiente.

Twenty-three food and drink vendors have registered to offer their tastiest dishes and brews at American Memorial Park during the event. The festival will offer delights from the kitchens of Hyatt Regency Saipan, Tony Roma's/Capricciosa, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, D'Elegance Cafe, Kanoa Resort, Terry's Snack Bar, Furusato Restaurant, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., Mystique BBQ, Sierra's Pearl Shake, Kinpachi Restaurant, Herman's Modern Bakery, Ina's Kitchen, Matty's BBQ, Tropical Chill, The Hut, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Kensington Hotel Saipan, Java Joe's, and Thai House. Drinks will be offered by Saipan Brewing Co., MarPac, and Pacific Trading Co.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/mymarianas or email communityprojects@mymarianas.com. ***(MVA)***

# No change in May fuel charge

The fuel adjustment charge for the month of May remains at $0.20087 per kWh—the same rate as it was in April's, according to a Commonwealth Utilities Corp. statement yesterday.

Although there has been a slight increase in the Mean of Platts Singapore monthly pricing from April 2019 to May 2019 as notified by Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc., the increase did not equal or exceed a 4.5-percent differential of the average per gallon cost of fuel.

The FAC is one of two components that make up the CUC electric kWh rate, which is used to purchase fuel. The second component is the CUC base rate, which is used to fund operations, projects, and debt service. This base rate has not been increased since April 17, 2014.

CUC is required, pursuant to an order previously issued by the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission to adjust (up or down) the FAC pass-through rate when the Mean of Platts Singapore monthly pricing equals or exceeds a 4.5 percent differential of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the current FAC rate.

CUC first instituted the levelized energy adjustment clause in 2009 to recover fuel and fuel related costs, a system also used by power providers in Guam and the Virgin Islands. In May 2015, the CPUC authorized CUC to change the name of LEAC to FAC to provide customers a more accurate description of the electric rate. ***(PR)***

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sistance from forces loyal to socialist Nicolas Maduro.

The violent street battles that erupted in parts of Caracas were the most serious challenge yet to Maduro's rule. And while the rebellion seemed to have garnered only limited military support, at least one high-ranking official announced he was breaking with Maduro, in a setback for the embattled president.

In a Tuesday night appearance on national television, Maduro declared that the opposition had attempted to impose an "illegitimate government" with the support of the United States and neighboring Colombia. He said Venezuela had been a victim of "aggression of all kinds."

Meanwhile, Guaidó sought to keep the momentum going at the end of the day by releasing his own video message in which he pressed Venezuelans to take to the streets again on Wednesday.

The competing quests to solidify a hold on power capped a dramatic day that included a tense moment when several armored vehicles plowed into a group of anti-government demonstrators trying to storm the capital's air base, hitting at least two protesters.

U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton said the Trump administration was waiting for three key officials, including Maduro's defense minister and head of the supreme court, to act on what he said were private pledges to remove Maduro. He did not provide details.

The stunning events began early Tuesday when Guaidó, flanked by a few dozen national guardsmen and some armored crowd-control vehicles, released the three-minute video shot near the Carlota air base.

In a surprise, Leopoldo Lopez, Guaido's political mentor and the nation's most-prominent opposition activist, stood alongside him. Detained in 2014 for leading a previous round of anti-government unrest, Lopez said he had been released from house arrest by security forces adhering to an order from Guaidó.

"I want to tell the Venezuelan people: This is the moment to take to the streets and accompany these patriotic soldiers," Lopez declared.

As the two opposition leaders coordinated actions from a highway overpass, troops loyal to Maduro fired tear gas from inside the adjacent air base.

A crowd that quickly swelled to a few thousand scurried for cover, reappearing later with Guaidó at a plaza a few blocks from the disturbances. A smaller group of masked youths stayed behind on the highway, lobbing rocks and Molotov cocktails toward the air base and setting a government bus on fire.

Amid the mayhem, several armored utility vehicles careened over a berm and drove at full speed into the crowd. Two demonstrators, lying on the ground with their heads and legs bloodied, were rushed away on a motorcycle as the vehicles sped away dodging fireballs thrown by the demonstrators.

"It's now or never," said one of the young rebellious soldiers, his face covered in the blue bandanna worn by the few dozen insurgent soldiers.

The head of a medical center near the site of the street battles said doctors were treating 50 people, about half of them with injuries suffered from rubber bullets. At least one person had been shot with live ammunition. Venezuelan human rights group Provea said a 24-year-old man was shot and killed during an anti-government protest in the city of La Victoria.

Later Tuesday, Lopez and his family sought refuge in the Chilean ambassador's residence in Caracas, where another political ally has been holed up for over a year. They later moved to the Spanish embassy. There were also reports that 25 troops who had been with Guaidó fled to Brazil's diplomatic mission.

Amid the confusion, Maduro tried to project an image of strength, saying he had spoken to several regional military commanders who reaffirmed their loyalty.

## CADETS

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Rota High School, and Tinian High School won the Overall Army Traveling Trophy. The CNMI Multiple School Unit JROTC also received the Overall Army Golden Bear Championship Trophy.

He credited the wins to what he said was rigorous and countless hours of training.

He said that Saipan Southern High School competed in Armed Inspection Varsity, Armed Regulation Varsity, Armed Exhibition Varsity, and Varsity Color Guard. They also competed in Armed Fourman, duo and solo as well as Unarmed Fourman and duo.

JROTC is a high school program focusing on honing the military skills of students with the hope to improve their leadership traits, camaraderie and to motivate them to become better members of the community.

The CNMI MSU Brigade has been winning since 2012, Basa said.

"The trophies won are an embodiment of the confidence, leadership, self-discipline, and teamwork that the CNMI PSS seeks to instill in its cadets. …This is not the first time that the three schools won in the JROTC event. … Kagman High School won in the Unarmed Novice Division in the past," Basa said.

"The accomplishments evidently display that our schools are exceptionally skilled in performing drill despite coming from small islands," Basa added.

## WAGES

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against Guam's [prevailing wage], which would've been the alternative if it were not for this survey. Approximately, on average, there was a $4.30 difference," he said.

That is by how much Guam wages are higher than that of the CNMI's.

The Chamber jumpstarted the 2019 prevailing wage survey in March and hired Hive Analytic to conduct the survey in the CNMI. This survey aims to set the salaries of foreign workers being petitioned for work visas under the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker program, which was extended another 10 years by the U.S. Workforce Act.

In the first round of the prevailing wage survey, or PWS, Hive Analytics captured 84 occupations in the CNMI using the "three employers and 30 employees" rule.

"These occupations were largely from the hotel hospitality sector: the chief executives, front desks, maids, housekeepers, and grounds maintenance people. …We also captured a large number of occupations within the restaurant and food industry: chefs, waiters, waitresses, hostesses etc.," he said in his presentation to Chamber members at the Charley's Cabaret.

"We also captured accountants, bookkeepers, and construction workers," he added.

The Chamber has already written the Office of the Governor's about the results of the first round.

He said he was told that the Office of the Governor has already sent the results to the U.S. Department of Labor over the weekend.

"The process now is to take those wages, determine if they meet the requirements and if they are going to be used. Once that happens, those wages and numbers according to the occupations will be published and available for everybody to use for their CW or H visa applications," Guerrero said.

The PWS wages will cover CW applications for next year…"and will be applied for starting Oct. 1 next fiscal year in 2021 we are hoping that this survey will account for the 12-month requirement of the prevailing wage for those applications," Guerrero added.

The second round of the survey will cover the rest of the occupations that Hive Analytics wasn't able to capture because survey requirements were not met.

"There are several of them that were very close in meeting the requirements so it can be reported. We had three employers but only 27 employees instead of 30, so these are the ones that we are trying to narrow down and trying to capture to make the survey statistically significant," he said.

Some of the changes this time around include translating the PWS instructions on the forms to Korean, Chinese, and Japanese.

"…We have translated [the forms] and sent those out to see if information barriers is one of the reasons why some employers were not able to submit their reports," he added.

To date, 700 employers have submitted their responses covering more than 11,000 employees in the initial survey and Guerrero is looking at expanding the reach of the survey so they can capture a wider target.

"…We are still refining the data to make sure we are not requesting those who have already submitted their wages and trying to target it so we can get results within a one-week period for the second round," he said.

Guerrero said the process usually takes six to seven months and "takes a whole staff and large apparatus to get it done…but, together with the [CNMI] Department of Commerce, we did a large amount of survey results done within the seven-week period that we were shooting for."

## FAMILIES

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from the sun and rain. Those tents were supposed to be temporary. Yet six months later today, many of these families still live in those tents.

Of the many factors that are in play why so many families are still stuck in temporary homes, it all comes down to money—or the lack of it. Many cite a delay in government assistance, higher rent in nearby homes, or a lack of funds to begin the repairs themselves.

A 41-year old mother of seven, who asked that she be identified only as Sanry, struggles living in a broken house with just a tent to support them. "It's very hard, especially for my kids. It floods inside [the tent and broken house] when it rains."

Instead of moving to a new place, Sanry decided to stay in her current place because her rent is cheaper compared to other nearby houses.

Sanry's family has already applied for help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, but she said they were not provided housing assistance.

"I wish everything can go back to normal. My kids still go to school and they come back to a place with no power, a flooded tent, and a broken house," she said.

Many are still waiting for FEMA assistance. One, Enrico San Jose, is waiting for FEMA to help him fix his house. "FEMA workers came to my house to measure the property. It's not in my mind to leave [my house] because I was told that we're in the waitlist. I have hope it will be fixed as soon as possible," he said.

Since his house still has no power, San Jose's family depends on a generator to provide electricity throughout the property.

In another case, a widowed mother who lives alone could not leave her house because she has no immediate families on Saipan.

"It's easier for me to be in my house rather than stay in another place because I have a lot of stuff that can't be moved and dogs to take care of," she said.

FEMA did offer to build her house for her, but she was required to move out, along with all her belongings. She declined this offer because she would not be provided any reimbursement for any rental fees or transportation services. Instead, she accepted the financial aid offer that would let her repair her house on her own. However, six months later, she is still waiting for the FEMA financial assistance that would allow her to get the repairs started.

She is grateful that she still has a job that can support her. "I'm still waiting, but I'm just trying to move on because that's all we can do," she added.

A 17-year old boy with nine siblings still live in a small tent to survive. During the typhoon, the roof in his home was blown away, so his family had to run to a neighbor's house for shelter. They lived in the temporary Marianas High School shelter for a couple of weeks and were provided a tent under the federal government's Temporary Emergency Tent and Roofing Installation Support program once they left the shelter.

When asked why his family still stays in their broken home, he said, "We've been living here since I was born. It's the only place we can really call home. It's not much, but it's what we can afford."

His family was one of the few lucky ones that were given housing assistance by FEMA and they have already started work on repairing their house. "We're one of the lucky ones and I'm extremely grateful."

# One of two in theft pleads guilty, second to follow

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One of two men who reportedly burglarized a house in Kagman has pleaded guilty to one of three charges against him; his alleged accomplice is set to follow suit.

Amado Kereman, 18, pleaded guilty through his lawyer, assistant public defender Stephanie Boutsicaris, to burglary, only one of three charges against him. The two other charges, conspiracy and theft, were dismissed with prejudice as part of a plea agreement.

The other man allegedly involved in the burglary, Demson Sachuo, 18, is scheduled to change his plea on May 28. The terms of the plea agreement are still under discussion.

Kereman was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, all suspended except for two years. Kereman was remanded back to the Department of Corrections on April 22 to serve his sentence and will be released in 2021.

Kereman was given credit for 13 days.

As part of the plea agreement, Kereman will be placed on supervised probation for five years immediately following his release.

Kereman is mandated to pay all court fees, probation fees, fines, and joint restitution of $1,333.25 with Sachuo to the victim of the burglary.

Kereman will also serve a total of 160 hours of community service, refrain from contacting the victim, write a letter of apology to the victim, cooperate and testify against Sachuo, and complete any counseling recommended by the Community Guidance Center.

Kereman will return to court for a review hearing on March 9, 2021, at 9am.

According to court information, police responded to a burglary in progress on Nov. 27, 2018, at 2:28am in Kagman 3, behind the CYC store.

Police identified the suspects as Kereman and Sachuo.

Kereman refused to give a statement to the police, but Sachuo allegedly admitted that it was his idea to break into a neighbor's house.

During the preliminary hearing, it was learned that Kereman allegedly conspired with Sachuo to burglarize the neighboring home while two other suspects stayed back.

The two other suspects, however, allegedly warned Kereman and Sachuo when flashing lights were seen from a distance. The two other unnamed suspects weren't charged.

Sachuo told police that he and Kereman took a backpack, a small lamp, and batteries from the house.

It was learned during the preliminary hearing that other stolen items included perfume, watches, and domino chips that have yet to be recovered.

The stolen items came out to a sum of $1,258, excluding repairs to the burglarized home.

# Torres wants companies to comply with tax code

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Without naming them, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres stressed that his administration is not letting any company get away with not paying its taxes.

"We encourage all companies to comply with our tax code…and that means everybody.

"… We've seen companies in the CNMI that have been here since the '70s, '80s, and '90s that are still paying back taxes," he said.

Last week at the House Ways and Means Committee meeting, Finance officials, led by Ryan Camacho, disclosed that one of the biggest business taxpayers, Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LCC, has so far only remitted $41,000 in casino gross revenue tax from October 2018 to April 23, 2019.

This is a far cry from the $40.9 million CGRT payment that IPI paid in 2016, $67.7 million in 2017, and $43.6 million in 2018.

Torres said the tax laws apply to everyone and not just IPI. "We would like to make sure that they are in compliance.

He acknowledged that many companies, and not just IPI, has had workforce issues lately. "…Everybody has been having issues with workforce. …It is not just IPI that is affected…"

"Look at all the other big investments that have been here. like the hotels. They've ceased continuing what they want to do and this is alarming for the administration as we see other projects that are also on hold because of the problem with our workforce." he added.

Torres reiterated that his administration is working with these companies to find solutions to their issues and not to penalize them. "For all businesses, we are here to work as partners and we are not here to find a way to penalize. We are here to make sure we are business partners…" he said.

# 'Female-associated cancers lead '09 to '18 diagnoses'

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres sign the CNMI Women's Health Month proclamation with Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios as Commonwealth Health Care Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña looks on.
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Between 2009 and 2018, gynecological cancer and breast cancer were the overall top 2 cancer diagnoses in the Commonwealth.

Gynecological cancer, which includes cervical, ovarian, uterine, vaginal, and vulvar, are exclusively diseases among women, while males who are diagnosed with breast cancer number less than 1 percent.

These numbers were highlighted in the CNMI Women's Health Month proclamation signing last Tuesday at the Office of the Governor's conference room on Capital Hill. The general message of the observance is for women to prioritize their own health care.

"Women from all walks of life and at every stage of life have unique health needs that should be addressed in their own right," the proclamation noted. "Women make a majority of health care decisions for their families, serving as the primary caregiver for their parents, partners, and children, especially when they become ill. When women take care of everyone else, they tend to put their own health and wellbeing in the back burner."

On the islands, even though most food is best served with rice, non-communicable diseases such as hypertension from too much sodium and diabetes from too much sugar continues to affect the community.

"How can we take care of anybody when you can't take care of yourself," asked Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios in a short message at the proclamation signing.

Being one in 14 children, Palacios said he recognizes the importance of a mother's health, especially when it comes to her children.

"We have this sense of appreciation for the mothers, the sisters, and the aunts for all the services that they do as they care for the family and everybody else…but a lot of times they forget about their own health," he added. "I am glad we are starting to recognize and encourage women, because before you can take care of anyone else, you need to take care of yourself."

This year's theme for Women's Health Month is "Begins With Me," which according to the proclamation highlights the "need for everyone in the community, especially women, to prioritize their health."

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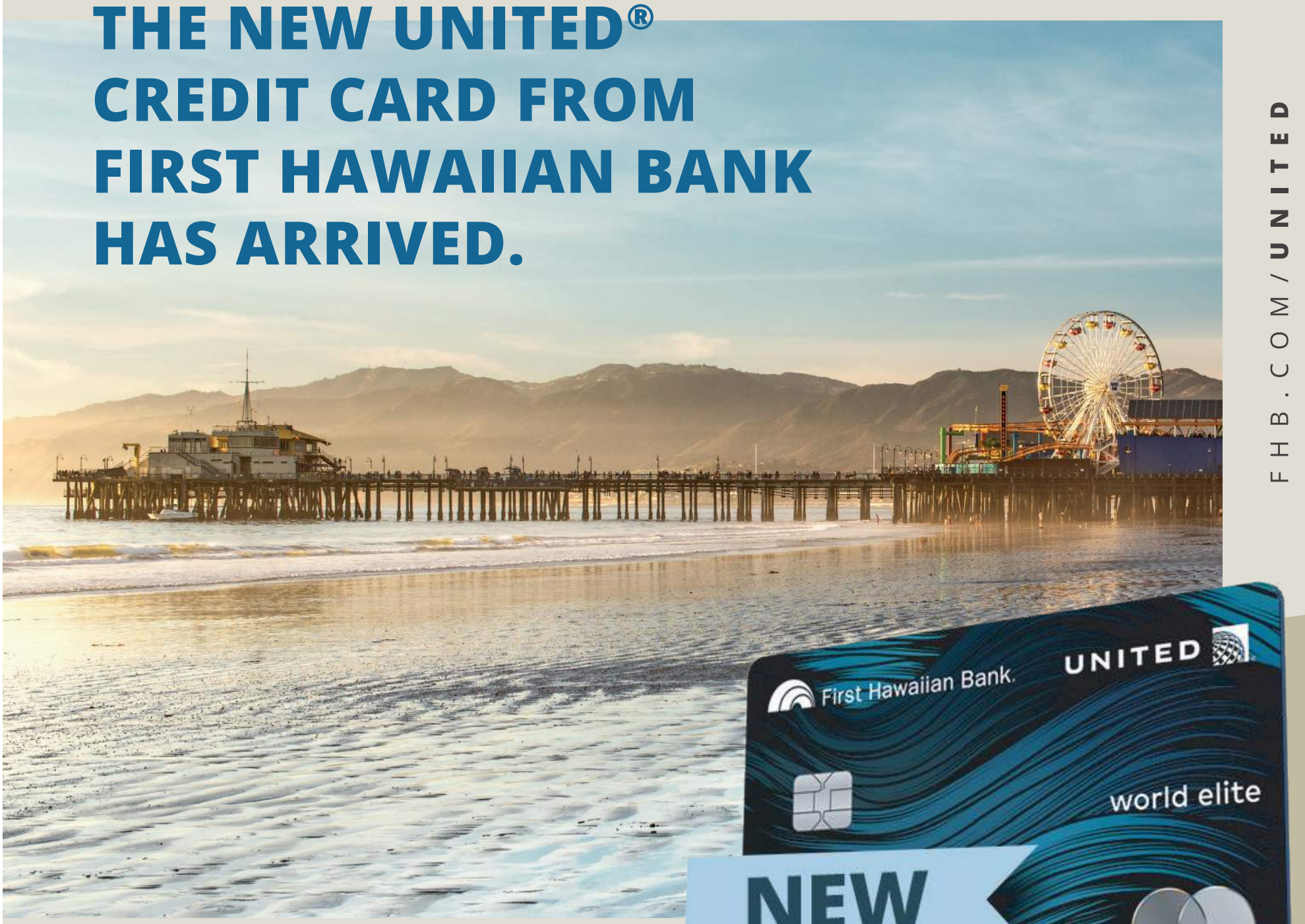


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# AG's Cup to tackle pot in NMI

The 35th Annual Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition will be held this Friday, May 3, starting at 9am at the former SandCastle, now called the Hyatt Regency Saipan ballroom.

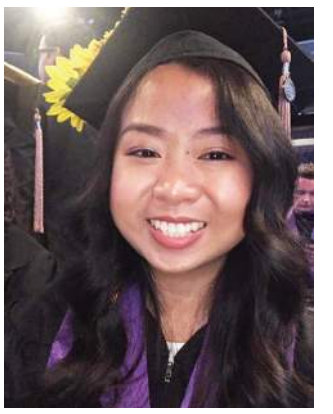
This year, the competition focuses on the legalization of cannabis in the Commonwealth: Is the passage of Public Law 20-66 a cure or a curse for the Commonwealth? Will it help or hurt the CNMI in the short term or the long term?

Seven high schools will be participating in the competition and they include: Dr. Rita Inos High School, Eucon International School, Grace Christian Academy, Marianas High School, Mount Carmel High School, Saipan Southern High School, and Kagman High School.

Judging the competition this year are current and former attorneys general, Guam Attorney General Leevin T. Camacho, Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja, and Chief Judge for the District Court of the NMI Ramona V. Manglona.

The ceremonial posting of the colors will be conducted by the JROTC Dolphin Battalion of Marianas High school, and alongside performing the CNMI and National anthem are the talented Marianas High School Glee Club.

The competition will be live streamed via the CNMI Attorney General's Cup Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/2019CNMIAGCUP. Additionally, the broadcasting group of Marianas High School will perform the video production of the speech competition. ***(PR)***



**CONGRATULATIONS**
Edna Grace Rios Nisola just graduated from Grand Canyon University in Arizona, with a bachelor's degree in Marketing that she not only finished in just three years but also graduating with summa cum laude honors. Her proud parents are Ed and Analyn Nisola. Congratulations from your Jesus is Lord Church Saipan family.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Veterans' town hall meeting

The U.S. Department of Veterans Health Administration is having a town hall meeting hosted by the Veterans Affairs Pacific Island Health Care System director Jennifer Gutowski. This will be to share information, hear feedback from veteransv and to answer questions on VA Health Care.

The town hall meeting for the islands of Saipan, Rota and Tinian are on:

■ Saipan: American Memorial Park theater on May 7, 2019, from 3pm to 4:30pm.

■ Tinian: The Mayor of Tinian's conference room, May 8, 2019, from 9:30am to 11:30am.

■ Rota: The Mayor of Rota's conference room, May 9, 2019, from 10am to 12pm.

All veterans, their families, survivors and any organization or individual who works with or on behalf of veterans are encouraged to attend.

Point of Contact is Ruth Coleman, 322-0035. ***(PR)***

### Guam CHamoru commission meetings set

The Kumisión i Fino' CHamoru yan i Fina'nå'guen i Historia yan i Lina'la' i Taotao Tåno' *(Commission on CHamoru Language and the Teaching of the History and Culture of the Indigenous People of Guam)* will hold its monthly meeting on May 9 and 23, Thursdays, from 12:30pm to 3pm., at the Garden House, Plasa de Espana, in Hagåtña. A work session will also be held on May 16, from 12:30pm to 3pm at the same venue.

For more information contact kumisión chair/gé'helo' Hope Alvarez Cristobal at 483-0097 or secretary/sikritåria Rosa Salas Palomo at 727-5522. ***(PR)***

### Air Force to conduct training at Radio Barrigada

**ASAN, Guam**—The 644th Combat Command Squadron will conduct training at Radio Barrigada, formerly known as the Adm. Nimitz Golf Course, on May 4 to 10, from midnight to 7pm. These types of trainings are designed to enhance the readiness of military personnel. The public should be advised that during these routine trainings blanks may be used. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity associated with the training. ***(PR)***

### New PH passports for releasing

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam, in coordination with the Office of Honorary Consul Eli Arago, will be releasing passports to those who renewed their passports last March 3, 4 and 5. You can pick up your new passport at Finasisu Terraces Apartment Bldg. D, second floor, top of the Mini-Mart Store, Monday-Friday, 9am to 5pm (12pm to 1pm, breaktime). Bring your old passport and receipt when claiming your new passport. If someone else will pick up the passport, there must be an authorization letter from the applicant. For any inquiry or details, call Mel Santos at 233-6293. ***(PR)***

### GCC board meeting set

The Guam Community College board of trustees monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 12pm, in the President's Conference Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, GCC campus. Individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids, or services should contact 735-5597. ***(PR)***

### JKPL, Bookmobile closed for inventory

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library and Bookmobile Outreach Services will be closed for five days for inventory, from May 14 to May 18, 2019. All penalties for items due during this period will be waived. We ask the public for your cooperation in utilizing library programs and services in the days not covered by inventory.

For the latest news and events, visit the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's website at www.cnmilib.org and like and/or follow JKPL's Facebook page, @joeten kiyu. Follow the library on Instagram @joetenkiyu, Pinterest @ Joeten Kiyu, and Snapchat @JoetenKiyu. The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's hours of operation are as follows: Tuesday-Friday, 10am-6pm, Saturday, 9am-4pm, and closed Sundays, Mondays and holidays. ***(PR)***

### Military training in open ocean, at Warning Area 517

**ASAN, Guam**—The U.S. Navy will conduct an open-ocean exercise on April 30 from 8am to 6pm at the following coordinates 13° 542"N/144° 379"E.

The Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on April 30 and May 1, from 11am to 11:55pm.

It is recommended the public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories. It is also recommended the public, commercial pilots, fishermen and marine tour operators stay clear from the area during the dates and times indicated.

W-517 begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters.

These types of trainings are designed to enhance the readiness of military personnel. ***(PR)***

# Lone Sailor Statue plaques in Guam dedicated

Local and military officials, and members of the Vietnamese-American community stand before the Lone Sailor statue during an unveiling of the official plaques for the statue at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex in Hagåtña last April 30.
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**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**
**Office of the Secretary of Public Works**
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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**
**DPW19-IFB-013**

**OFFICE RENOVATION FOR CNMI DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE CENTRAL STATISTICS DIVISION**

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the **Office Renovation for CNMI Department of Commerce Central Statistics Division**, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **May 2, 2019** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **May 10, 2019**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Ladera Center Building Beach Road the former Mayor's Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **May 13, 2019** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW19-IFB-013**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time May 17, 2019**. All BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **May 17, 2019**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, May 17, 2019**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

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3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
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Performance time for completion of this project is **Forty Five (45) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **Five Hundred (US$500.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Director of Procurement & Supply


By ALANA CHARGUALAF
JOINT REGION MARIANAS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

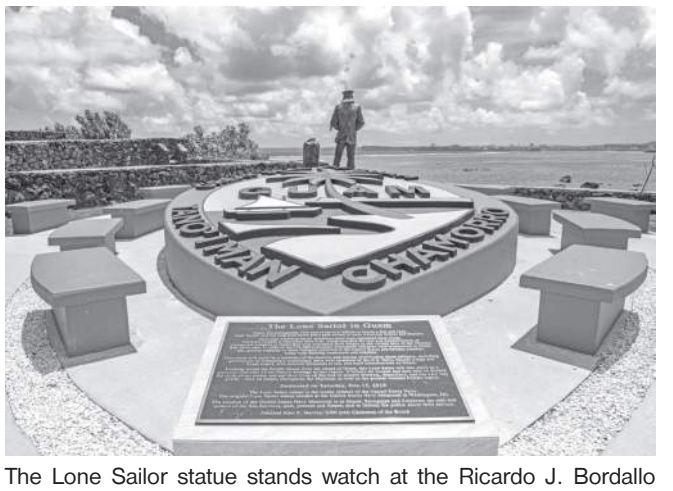
**ASAN, Guam**—The official plaques for the Lone Sailor statue were unveiled during a dedication ceremony at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex in Hagåtña last April 30.

Though the statue's initial unveiling took place in December 2018, members of the local and military communities gathered, once more, to honor the Lone Sailor—a symbol of the significant relationship between the Navy, the sea services, Guam, and the thousands of Vietnamese citizens who found refuge on the island during Operation New Life in the ending days of the Vietnam War.

U.S. Navy Capt. Huan Nguyen of Naval Sea Systems Command, a Vietnamese-American who found refuge in Guam 44 years ago, spoke of the day that South Vietnam ceased to exist as a country during the war. At 14 years old, Nguyen arrived in Guam an orphan, having lost his parents and siblings in the war.

He recalled the tens of thousands of Vietnamese, who fled on foot or took to the seas, only to be rescued by U.S. sailors and airmen and transported to Guam—their first step onto American soil.

"I was one of those refugees; apprehensive about an uncertain future, yet feeling extremely grateful I was here, at all," he said. "America opened her arms and took us in as one of her own. Her generosity gave us hope. Her freedom gave us opportunity. Through the Lone Sailor memorial, we renew our gratitude and pride in the United States of America. Although we all came from different lands, we all share the same dream, and, together, we will continue to build this nation [and] continue to extol her values to the world. God bless America."



The Lone Sailor statue stands watch at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex in Hagåtña.
U.S. NAVY/ALANA CHARGUALAF

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Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield, commander, Joint Region Marianas, recognized the nation's sailors, tying their honorable sacrifices to the Lone Sailor story.

"The call to duty is clear. A sailor must always be ready to leave his or her warm bed, to be ready to walk down that pier, and to be ready to stand the watch. ...Sailors come from different backgrounds, to include many descendants of Operation New Life and many more who have served coming from the island of Guam, this deeply patriotic and vital part of the United States of America," she said. "The plaque that is now permanently placed here will tell that story. That is why this statue is the personification of the intrepid, the bold, those that chose and continue to choose our Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment."

Cuong Pham and his wife, Nga Pham, were present at the ceremony, where memories of the war evoked emotions of both sadness and relief. They, too, were refugees in Guam during the first wave of Operation New Life.

"The feeling [is] very, very emotional coming back here after 44 years," said Nga Pham. "It brought back my memory that, the first time I came here with a thousand refugees, we didn't know the future of our lives, but American people, especially in Guam, opened their arms [and] welcomed us to give us hope."

She felt a connection to the Lone Sailor statue, as her husband was a former officer in the Vietnamese Navy, who was inspired to join the service in awe of the inspirational work done by U.S. Navy sailors.

"Thank you, America. Thank you, Guam," said Cuong Pham. "We appreciate it, and we will try our best to contribute whatever we have—our heart [and] our mind—for this great nation."

The placement of a Lone Sailor statue in Guam was a collaborative effort between the Vietnamese-American community and members of the U.S. Navy Memorial organization, and is the 16th statue of its kind in the world. It is the second Lone Sailor statue outside the continental United States.

The Lone Sailor stands alongside the Guam seal and is surrounded by 19 benches that represent each of Guam's villages. ***(PR)***

**TOURISM MONTH** FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is joined by Lt. Gov. Arnold Palacios, Marianas Visitors Authority board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce, and several lawmakers and MVA staff as he signs a proclamation at the governor's office's conference room that declares the entire month of May as Tourism Month in the Commonwealth.

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Additionally, FiHB will be giving away up to 2 Million United MileagePlus miles as part of its United MileagePlus Miles Sweepstakes.

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- New cardholders earn 30,000 bonus miles after spending minimum of $1,500 in the first 3 months after account opening
- $0 introductory annual fee for the first year, and $99 per year thereafter
- Receive free first and second checked bags* (for primary) on United Airline flights purchased with the United Credit Card
- Two United Club passes per year
- No foreign transaction fees**
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Additional terms and conditions apply. Visit FHB.com/United for details. Applications for the credit card are being accepted online at FHB.com/United and at FHB branches starting May 1, 2019.

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**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**
Office of the Executive Director

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
**CUC-RFP-19-020**

**SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF TWO SLUDGE DEWATERING EQUIPMENT'S**

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the purchase of two Sludge Dewatering Equipment's; one for the Agingan Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plant for CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-work will be emailed to all registered prospective proposers email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

**One (1) original and four (5) hard copies**, must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-19-020, Supply and Delivery of Two Sludge Dewatering Equipment's"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than May 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 10, 2019** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Westen Knudsen, P.E., Senior Engineer for Water/Wastewater at email address westen.knudsen@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrative Senior at email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS

**CUC-IFB-19-018**
**Koa Lane 6-Inch Waterline Project**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Koa Ln Waterline Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists, in general installation of a new 6-inch waterline main and 2-inch service line; connection to the existing water main; installation of gate valve assembly, flush hydrants, air release valves, and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

This project is funded by ***Saipan PL 19-23, 19-24, 19-27 and 20-26***.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **240 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $150.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **April 22, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-19-018, Koa Lane Waterline Project"**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 10, 2019**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered**.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States, Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on April 23, 2019** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, CUC Water/Wastewater Acting Chief Engineer via email larry.manacop@cucgov.org, Birhen Martinez, Water Division, Junior Engineer via email birhen.martinez@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org

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# Opinion

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## EDITORIAL

# Civic engagement is the key to making our democracy 'glow with justice and shine with beauty'

If there is one thing even dyed-in-the-wool Democrats and Republicans should agree on, it is this: If our 242-year American experiment in self-government is to continue, civic engagement and exercising one's right to vote must not be privileges for the few but responsibilities for the many.

The good news is, as last year's midterm turnout showed, the American electorate is becoming more civically engaged, not less. According to the United States' Elections Project, while turnout in the 2018 midterm was 18 percentage points higher than in 2014. A great deal of that engagement is not due to party leaders and their predictable platforms, but rather to the hard work of nonpartisan civic organizations at the grass-roots level.

Yes, the rancor and partisan divide in Washington is both deep and wide. But as the 19th-century historian and political scientist Alexis de Tocqueville wrote in Democracy in America, "The health of a democratic society may be measured by the quality of functions performed by private citizens." By that measure, our nation is in good—and improving—health.

At the start of the last century, a time of great technological and political upheaval not unlike our own, the great American philosopher William James wrote, "democracy is a kind of religion, and we are bound not to admit its failure. ... The best of us are filled with the contrary vision of a democracy stumbling through every error till its institutions glow with justice and its customs shine with beauty."

So, at the start of the 21st century, as we stumble forward—with any sense of civic responsibility or national unity that remains too often bypassed by pundits and algorithms that target our most partisan instincts—how do we, in James' words, make our "institutions glow with justice and its customs shine with beauty"?

With "tribalism" not "pluralism" the catchword of our time, mending our social fabric won't be easy. In 2017, the annual Edelman Trust Barometer found that "The general population's trust in all four key institutions—business, government, NGOs, and media—has declined broadly." As trust declines, "people's societal and economic concerns, including globalization, the pace of innovation and eroding social values, turn into fears, spurring the rise of populist actions now playing out in several Western-style democracies."

Edelman's 2019 survey, released in January, found that "only one in five feels that the system is working for them." As for signs of improvement, "engagement with the news surged by 22 points," according to the survey, while "58 percent of general population employees say they look to their employer to be a trustworthy source of information about

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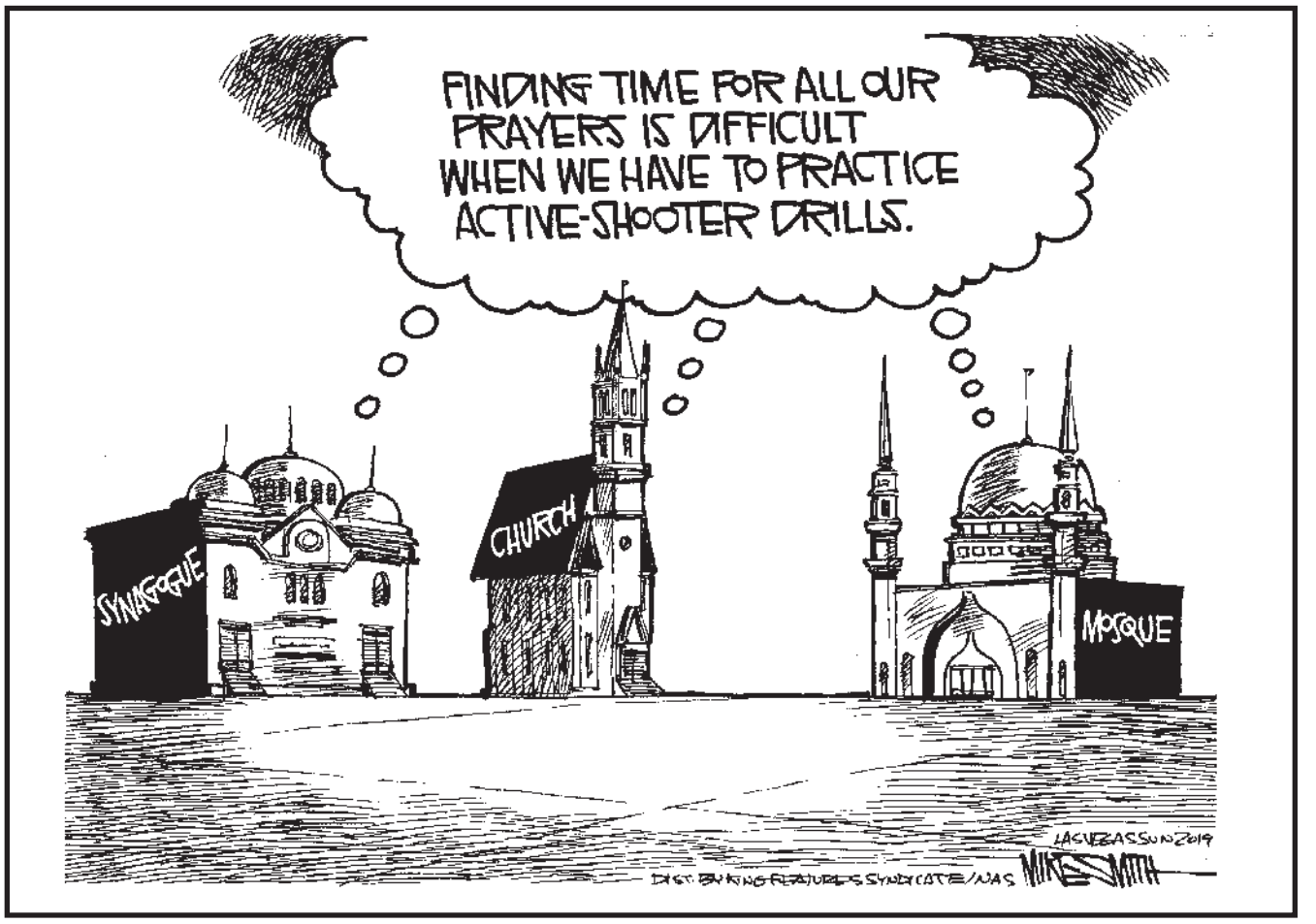


# Damn the bullets, damn the guns and damn those who pull the triggers

**By REX HUPPKE**
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Damn the bullets. Damn the guns they come from. And damn the people pulling the triggers.

Candice Dickerson was with two of her three sons at the counter of a South Side Chicago cellphone shop Friday when a stray bullet struck her in the back of the head. She dropped, right in front of her children. She died.

Because of a bullet. A gun. And some fool pulling the trigger.

WLS-Ch. 7 interviewed her 12-year-old son. Dickerson was at the store buying him a cellphone—a reward for a good grade. He talked about how they didn't have a lot of money and he hoped to one day be an engineer and buy her an Audi and a mansion.

"Then she's gone," he said, barely composed, tears in his eyes, his lips quivering. "She's gone."

I watched that video over and over Sunday night, at the end of a weekend when it seemed every headline was a warning that America has lost its mind.

"1 dead, 3 wounded in shooting at California synagogue on last day of Passover."

"Gunman opens fire on West Baltimore cookout, killing 1, injuring 7 others, police say."

"Gary 14-year-old killed by stray bullet fired during car chase, police say."

"7 dead, 1 critical in Tennessee shooting spree."

It's too much for the human brain to process. So we succumb to numbness. We read the headlines like tragic bits of plotlines from a fictional world, then move on with our own lives.

We remain in stasis, a country unable or unwilling to tackle a real national emergency.

I watched, over and over, the video of that poor, wrecked little boy from Chicago who saw his mom shot and killed, who had his life forever bent by a stray bullet that somehow, for some reason, followed that particular path. And I thought: How can we let this happen? How much are we willing to tolerate?

I read about Lori Kaye, a 60-year-old who was at Congregation Chabad in Poway, Calif., on Saturday to say a prayer for her late mother. A man with an assault rifle came in intent to kill Jewish people. He started firing, hit Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein in the hand and then Kaye jumped between the gunman and the rabbi.

She was shot and died later at a hospital.

Damn those bullets. Damn that gun. And damn the young man who was pulling the trigger.

And I ask again: How can we let this happen? How many mass shootings can we, as a society, absorb before our collective body fights back?

It took politicians in New Zealand only about a month to ban most semi-automatic weapons and assault rifles after a white supremacist gunned down 50 people at mosques in Christchurch in March.

We've had kindergartners slaughtered. Houses of worship attacked. Outdoor concerts shot up.

And nothing happens. Reason gets callused over from the constant friction of tragedy. Cowards obey a gun lobby that lines their pockets and agitates their voters into a paranoid frenzy.

And nobody—or not enough bodies, or maybe not enough of the right people—cares about the bullet that pierced Lori Kaye as she protected her rabbi in California, or the stray one that took out a 14-year-old from Gary, or the one that felled the mom from Chicago and left her boys motherless, or the spray of them that turned a Baltimore cookout into a bloodbath, or the ones that claimed those souls in Tennessee.

Nobody cares about the guns that shot those bullets or how those guns wound up in the hands of would-be killers.

And nobody cared enough to keep the minds of those would-be killers right, to prevent them from warping, to teach them not to hate, not to be stupid, not to kill.

We have a national emergency, and it involves guns and mental health and education and gun sentencing laws and myriad other factors that no one seems willing to properly address.

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I watched the video of Candice Dickerson's sweet 12-year-old boy trying mightily to speak about seeing his mother get shot in the head, holding back tears and confronting a reality—"She's gone"—that will hurt forever. And I thought: How are we not doing everything humanly possible to prevent something like this from happening again?

It is our nation's great shame. It is unconscionable, on this bloody weekend as much as any other.

Damn the bullets. Damn the guns they come from. Damn the people pulling the triggers.

And damn anyone content to sit there and let this madness continue.

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contentious societal issues."

These are clear signs of a citizenry seeking out more trustworthy sources of information in a bitter political climate where elected officials too often blame the messenger—"fake news"—when journalists, the watchdogs of democracy, attempt to hold them accountable. Yes, unreliable and salacious news fabricated for political reasons or to sow chaos is a real and growing problem in our clickbait culture, but demonizing legitimate news sources does nothing to raise the level of political discourse or better inform our citizenry.

So, how do we turn the great ship of democracy around? How do we replace divisiveness and distrust with civic engagement and community activism? We asked a number of leading thinkers that question. What we heard back may surprise you. But beyond surprise, we're hoping it stirs you to action, gets you more involved in your community and the democratic process. And encourages you to put down your smartphone and talk to your (possibly even smarter) neighbor.

Rita Kirk, director of the Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility at Southern Methodist University, spoke to us about civic responsibility in our internet age, and she shed light on why Facebook, Twitter and other social media haven't necessarily brought us closer together.

"With the advent of social media," Kirk explained, "we're much more likely to repeat arguments that we hear than originate arguments from discussions with others." Some may be good arguments, she said. "But in an age where they're packaged in inappropriate ways, meaning non-factual ways, it's easy to dismiss other people outright, saying 'I looked this up, the facts are wrong. And you're an idiot.' As opposed to saying, 'There are some really good arguments embedded in here. What can we do about it?'"

At the same time, Kirk explained, in a "soundbite culture" that has only intensified on Twitter, we have a "very low tolerance for extended argumentation." But, as the Edelman Trust survey revealed, there is reason for optimism, as consumers are beginning to seek out and demand more "in-depth" information. "We see this in the growing subscription rates for the largest newspapers across the country."

Yet the media is just one facet of an informed and more civic-minded society. Education must also play an "enormous" role, said Kirk. "If I were ruler of the universe," she said, "one of the first things I would get back in our public schools is civics education, which just doesn't happen in the most robust sense of the term." As a result, she said, most young people in Dallas wouldn't be able to tell you who is running for mayor, let alone City Council.

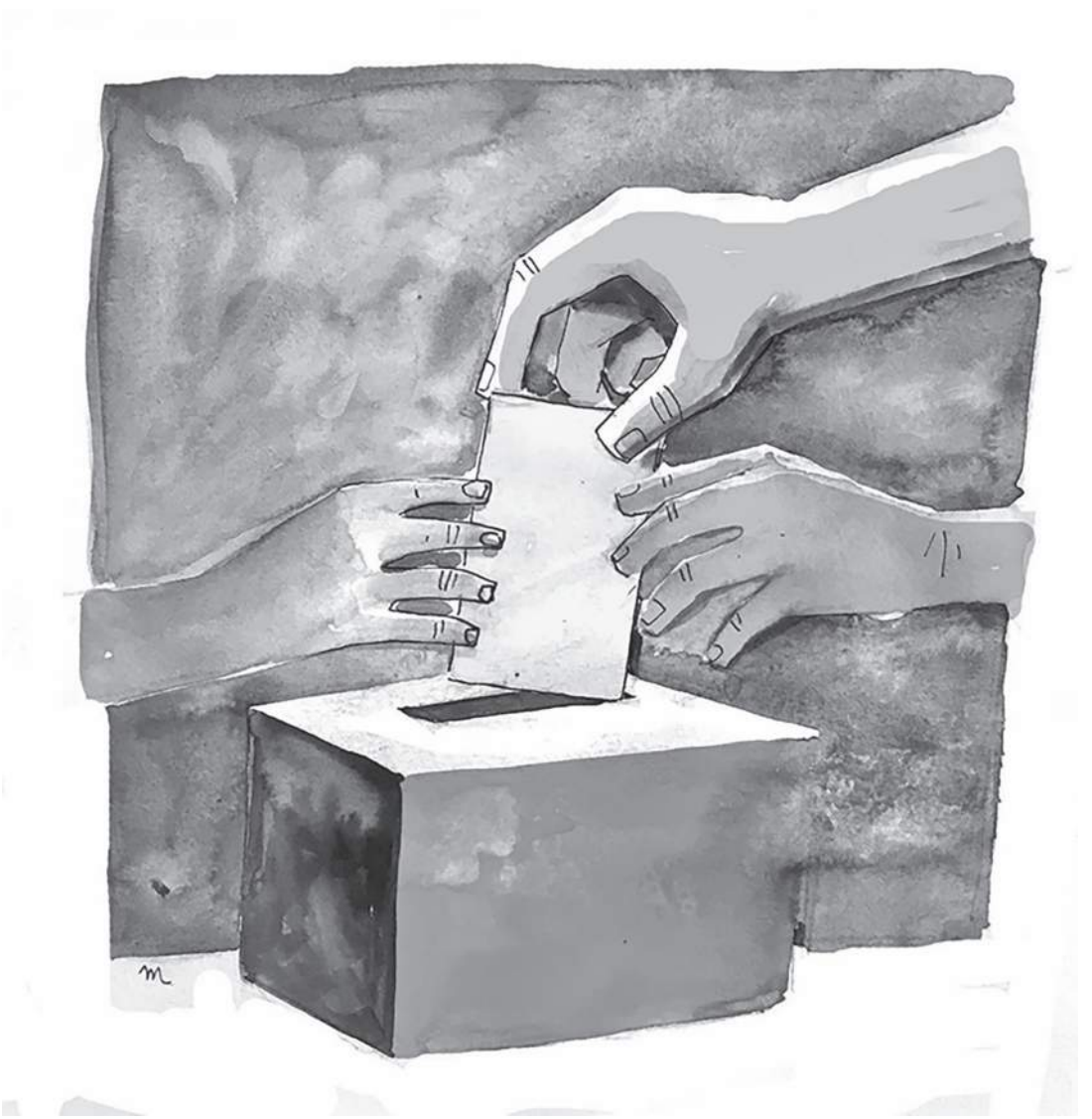
According to the National Assessment of Educational Progress, 90 percent of U.S. students receive at least one civics course before graduating from high school. But, says the NAEP, "it is not the quantity, but the quality" of civics education that matters. "Only 25 percent of students reach the level of 'competent,'" reports the NAEP, "with white students with higher income who have the highest probability of belonging to this percentage, 4 to 6 times more than Hispanics or people of color."

One way to bridge this gap is to require more rigorous and realistic civic education in middle school and high school. "We absolutely know from all sorts of studies," explained Kirk, "that when teachers do mock voting in the school systems, they (students) put pressure on their parents: 'You're gonna vote, right? Who are you gonna vote for? Well this is what I learned about so-and-so ... ' The other thing we know is that voting is a habit, and the earlier those habits start the more likely they are to be sustained."

Liz Magallanes, the Dallas-Fort Worth coordinator for Mi Famila Vota, a nonprofit that promotes civic engagement and fights voter suppression within the Latino community, agrees with Kirk that it's crucial to get informed on the issues and form the habit of voting as early as possible. "Nationally we know that 32 million Latinos are going to be eligible to vote in 2020. And even in Dallas the voter turnout has greatly increased. It's been very low in the past. But 94 percent of Latinos who voted in 2018 are looking to continue to be civically engaged."

In 2018, according to the Pew Institute, 29.8 percent of eligible voters in Texas were Latino. That adds up to nearly 5.5 million Latino voters, second only to California.

Over half of those voters are millennials or younger. "We have different youth programs that we work with in the school districts where we're getting young leaders engaged in their community," Magallanes said.



The Trump administration's increasingly restrictionist immigration policies are motivating more Latinos in Texas and across the country to get more engaged civically, she said. "A lot of Latinos came out in 2018 because they saw a change, they saw a change in our culture, a change in our political climate, they knew that Latinos were not being represented in the best way, and so that encouraged them to come out and vote, and that's what's going to encourage them to continue to do it."

Developing the habit of voting is one thing; finding the time to register and get to the polls is another, especially for those from underserved communities.

Victoria DeFrancesco Soto, director of civic engagement at the University of Texas at Austin's Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, said, "We need to be smarter about our election calendars and our election timing." Texas has made early voting much easier, she said, but many in underserved communities are more concerned with putting food on the table than who's running for office.

"Lower-socioeconomic-status folks are the least likely to vote and the least likely because of the state of our politics," said DeFrancesco Soto. "Part of this is the educational component; the other piece of it is they don't feel invested. When you're working three jobs to try to make ends meet, voting and being civically engaged usually isn't on the top of your priority list."

Peniel Joseph, founding director of the LBJ School's Center for the Study of Race and Democracy, echoed that sentiment. "It's simply too hard to vote in Texas," he said. "The state would be better served if all residents of legal age were automatically registered to vote. Voter ID laws disproportionally suppress voters of color and students in the way they are currently enacted."

"Civic engagement requires excellent schools, thriving neighborhoods, environmentally safe and healthy communities who are then robustly engaged in our wider democracy," Joseph said. "This means ending racial and public-school segregation, closing the achievement gap, and ending racial disparities in employment, income, health care, and wealth creation. That will produce and inspire more civic engagement among racially marginalized groups and communities nationwide."

But, we asked, doesn't civic engagement, as we witnessed during the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, bring on these societal and political changes? Don't we need civic engagement and social protest to make positive change?

"I would say that there is a close relationship between the two," said Joseph. "Some argue that more social protest will produce more civic engagement. I agree. I would also argue that less inequality would also inspire more civic engagement. It's not mutually exclusive, but we often highlight one side at the expense of the other."

Everyone we spoke to believes in the power of education and the humanities to revitalize our sense of self worth, community, and civic duty. They also agreed that much of the work has to be done person-to-person, without media filters or "expert" moderators.

As philosopher Scott Samuelson, author of The Deepest Human Life and the 2015 recipient of the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture's Hiett Prize, told us, "There's something deeply satisfying about getting outside the echo chambers and actually talking to people face-to-face, even when those encounters bring up divisions."

Samuelson believes public spaces in the real world—parks, schools taverns, town hall—not on the internet, are where the democratic spirit flourishes. "You're way more likely to run across people with pitchforks on Twitter than on a barstool," he said. "Yes, some basic civility would go a long way toward getting our politics working again. But it's not just about civility. It's about humanity. It's about joy."

"The beauty of the arts and the humanities," continued Samuelson, "is their ability to transform difficulties into something meaningful, to integrate opposing things into greater wholes, to bridge the gap between self and other. Right when we need the humanities the most, they're besieged on all sides. But they take surprisingly little to revive, just a little courage and imagination. I think of those lines from Walt Whitman: 'The other I am must not abase itself to you,/ And you must not be abased to the other.// Loafe with me on the grass, loose the stop from your throat.'"

Whitman, whose bicentennial birthday we celebrate May 31, also wrote, "The United States themselves are essentially the greatest poem." As Karen Swallow Prior, a professor of English at Liberty University and a research fellow with the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, wrote in The Atlantic shortly after the 2016 presidential election, "Whitman's claim stemmed from a belief that both poetry and democracy derive their power from their ability to create a unified whole out of disparate parts—a notion that is especially relevant at a time when America feels bitterly divided."

As a nation, we'd do well to return to that belief.

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# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

| TODAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY |
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| Partly cloudy with isolated light showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated light showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated light showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated light showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated light showers. |
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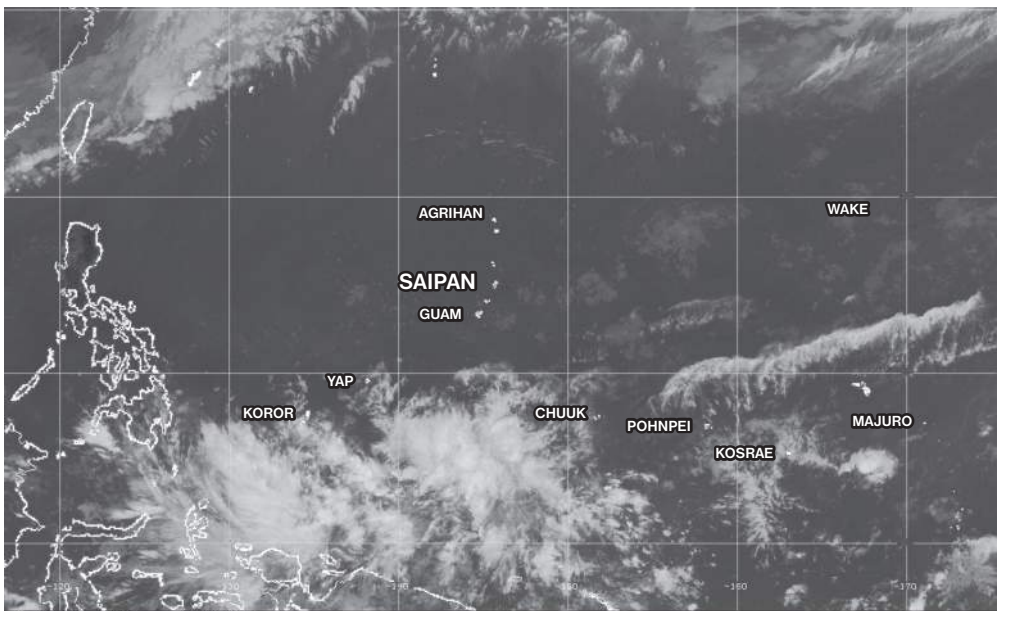


**PICTURE TIME: 7:25 AM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Early morning satellite and radar imagery show only a few clouds and isolated showers over and to the east of the Marianas. Satellite and sounding data indicate that the Precipitable Water Index has decreased and is around 1.50 inches. Satellite imagery shows that similar conditions are present to the east of the Marianas. This would indicate relatively dry conditions over the region. The forecast models hint at occasional patches of clouds but prevailing sky condition will be partly cloudy. Showers will remain isolated at best as a dry season weather pattern will continue. Model rainfall accumulation through the forecast adds up to three quarters of an inch or less.

*Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/*

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| Guam and Rota | Cloudy | 87° / 77° |
| Palau | Rain | 84° / 78° |
| Yap | Thunderstorms | 86° / 79° |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | 86° / 81° |
| Pohnpei | Showers | 85° / 80° |
| Kosrae | Showers | 85° / 80° |
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| Hong Kong | Partly Cloudy | 79° / 73° |
| Honolulu | Showers | 83° / 71° |
| London | Showers | 63° / 45° |
| Los Angeles | Sunny | 71° / 57° |
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| Miami | Thunderstorms | 81° / 75° |
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| SKY801 | 4:45pm | 7:30pm | Daily up to May 3 |

### SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

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|---|---|---|---|
| 7C3451 | 3:10am | 6:10am | 1, 3, 5, 7 |
| 7C3451 | 3:30am | 6:30am | 4 |

### SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TW308 | 1:35am | 5:20am | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| OZ626 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ626 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| 7C3403 | 4:35am | 8:25am | Daily |
| 7C3401 | 4:30pm | 8:25pm | Daily |

### SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

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|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:50am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

### SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

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|---|---|---|---|
| JD396 | 7:30am | 11:00am | 1 |
| JD396 | 4:50pm | 7:55pm | 4 |

### SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

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|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8646 | 4:30am | 7:55am | 2, 6 |

### SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

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|---|---|---|---|
| MU764 | 1:30am | 6:35am | 3, 5, 7 |

### SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA117/183 | 9:15am | 8:50pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA117/183 | 9:15am | 9:10pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA117/193 | 9:15am | 10:40pm | 2, 5 via GUM-ROR |

### SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HX077 | 1:50am | 5:15am | 1, 4 |
| OZ626/721 | 2:20am | 11:40am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ626/721 | 2:50am | 11:40am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UO43 | 5:35am | 8:25am | 1 |
| UO43 | 5:50am | 8:40am | 3, 5, 7 |
| UA117/159 | 9:15am | 9:50pm | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

## ARRIVALS

### GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA174 | 7:30am | 8:12am | Daily |
| UA104 | 4:50pm | 5:31pm | 2, 4 |

### NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| SKY01K | 10:30am | 3:15pm | Daily up to May 3 |

### BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7C3452 | 9:05pm | 2:10am+1 | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| 7C3452 | 9:35pm | 2:30am+1 | 3 |

### SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7C3402 | 10:10am | 3:30pm | Daily |
| TW307 | 7:00pm | 12:35am+1 | 2, 3, 5, 6 |
| TW307 | 7:05pm | 12:35am+1 | 1 |
| OZ625 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ625 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| 7C3404 | 10:10pm | 3:40am+1 | Daily |

### SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8647 | 10:20pm | 4:50am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

### HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JD395 | 8:05am | 3:30pm | 4 |
| JD395 | 9:35pm | 5:00am+1 | 7 |

### GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8645 | 7:55pm | 2:40am+1 | 1, 5 |

### BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MU763 | 3:55pm | 12:30am+1 | 2, 4, 6 |

### MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA192/174 | 9:45pm | 8:12am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM-ROR |
| UA184/174 | 10:25pm | 8:12am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/174 | 11:30pm | 8:12am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |

### HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ722/625 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/625 | 1:10pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| HX076 | 5:15pm | 00:15am+1 | 3, 7 |
| UO42 | 6:25pm | 1:20am+1 | 7 |
| UO42 | 9:25pm | 4:20am+1 | 2, 4, 6 |
| UA116/174 | 10:45pm | 8:12am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

## STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

### SAIPAN TO ROTA

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1301 | 7:30AM | 8:00AM | Daily |
| 1302 | 11:30AM | 12:00PM | Daily |
| 1303 | 4:00PM | 4:30PM | Daily |

### ROTA TO SAIPAN

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3101 | 8:15AM | 8:45AM | Daily |
| 3102 | 1:45PM | 2:15PM | Daily |
| 3103 | 4:45PM | 5:15PM | Daily |

### ROTA TO GUAM

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3401 | 12:15PM | 12:45PM | Daily |

### GUAM TO ROTA

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4301 | 1:00PM | 1:30PM | Daily |

### SAIPAN TO TINIAN

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1201 | 7:00AM | 7:15AM | Daily |
| 1202 | 8:00AM | 8:15AM | Daily |
| 1203 | 9:00AM | 9:15AM | Daily |
| 1204 | 10:00AM | 10:15AM | Daily |
| 1205 | 11:00AM | 11:15AM | Daily |
| 1206 | 12:00PM | 12:15PM | Daily |
| 1207 | 1:00PM | 1:15PM | Daily |
| 1208 | 2:00PM | 2:15PM | Daily |
| 1209 | 3:00PM | 3:15PM | Daily |
| 1210 | 4:00PM | 4:15PM | Daily |
| 1211 | 5:00PM | 5:15PM | Daily |
| 1212 | 6:00PM | 6:15PM | Daily |

### TINIAN TO SAIPAN

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2102 | 7:30AM | 7:45AM | Daily |
| 2103 | 8:30AM | 8:45AM | Daily |
| 2104 | 9:30AM | 9:45AM | Daily |
| 2105 | 10:30AM | 10:45AM | Daily |
| 2106 | 11:30AM | 11:45AM | Daily |
| 2107 | 12:30PM | 12:45PM | Daily |
| 2108 | 1:30PM | 1:45PM | Daily |
| 2109 | 2:30PM | 2:45PM | Daily |
| 2110 | 3:30PM | 3:45PM | Daily |
| 2111 | 4:30PM | 4:45PM | Daily |
| 2112 | 5:30PM | 5:45PM | Daily |
| 2113 | 6:30PM | 6:45PM | Daily |

# PDM starts 'em young with Garapan cleanup

The 24 volunteers of PDM Promoters, Inc.'s April cleanup pose for a group photo. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

PDM Promoters, Inc. and volunteers were at it again last Saturday during its cleanup of Paseo de Marianas and its surrounding environs.

Similar to its previous monthly cleanups, the April edition included a lot of children, with 15 members from Saipan Awaodori Team joining the event that netted 240 lbs of trash.

"We always include young children in our cleanups to encourage them to be responsible and become less likely to throw trash…themselves. Let them understand that they are doing something extraordinary by simply picking up trash and cleaning the surroundings," said cleanup drive coordinator Sonia G. Siwa.

Aside from the 15 Saipan Awaodori Team members, nine Kinpachi Restaurant staff also volunteered during the cleanup that started at 9am and encompassed Paseo de Marianas, Coral Tree Avenue, AMP Road, and Beach Road and its connecting alleys.

As in previous monthly cleanups, Siwa thanked the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality for helping PDM Promoters by waiving the fee for trash disposal.

PDM Promoters' monthly cleanups are held every Saturday and are supported by BECQ and the non-profit's major sponsors, T-Galleria and TSL Foundation.

Siwa said T-Galleria and TSL Foundation's support enables them to have the cleaning materials needed. Kinpachi Restaurant, meanwhile, provides the meal and snacks for the volunteers.

Volunteers of PDM Promoters will be at it again this May when they conduct their fifth monthly cleanup of 2019. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

# Tinian fiesta celebration today until Sunday

The Tinian San Jose Fiesta will kick off today, May 2, and will last until May 5, in celebration of Tinian's patron saint, San Jose the Worker.

This year's fiesta theme is, "Rebuilding, Reviving, Restoring San Jose!" and the annual community celebration will again include live entertainment, food sales, arts and crafts, and much more.

Festivities will have a soft opening today, May 2, with live entertainment from 6pm to 11pm at the fiesta grounds next to Kammer Beach.

The official opening ceremony will be held tomorrow, May 3, at 7pm, with live entertainment until midnight. Live entertainment and a variety of sports and activities will be held on May 4 from 10am to midnight and on May 5 from 8am to 12pm.

There will be performances ranging from solo/group singing, dancing, and on-stage exhibitions. The John Dank Show from Guam is set to wow the crowd, along with Uprooted CNMI, the Marianas Project, and other performers. James Selepeo will close out each night.

Local talent will be featured during the soft opening with an Open Mic Night. Smarty Swag and Soul Sisters and magician Neil Fama will also take the stage.

Visitors can sample a taste of Tinian at 18 concession booths that will offer a wide variety of local dishes, chasers, and cold drinks. Local artists will have crafts, souvenirs, clothing, and accessories. Youngsters will be able to enjoy the Kiddie Korner with kid-friendly games.

The Tinian Mayor's Office has spearheaded the organization of the fiesta, led by event coordinator and fiesta committee chair Joseph M. Hocog.

"This fiesta marks the 63rd anniversary of this special community celebration," said Tinian Mayor Edwin Aldan. "This year's celebration will [emphasize] the importance of community, resilience and vigilance that we, the people of Tinian, have proven to be. We…invite all our neighboring islands to come and enjoy a weekend of fun, live music, and celebration."

Many activities will be held throughout the four days. In the Fiesta Cookoff, Tinian's chefs will compete to cook the best fiesta plate. The popular tug-o-war will showcase Tinian's strongest. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the annual ChaCha Dance Competition, where Selepeo will again perform.

The 2019 Tinian San Jose Fiesta is sponsored by IT&E, Marianas Visitors Authority, Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Bridge Investment Group, LLC., and MarPac.

"Each year, the MVA supports the activities coinciding with Tinian San Jose Fiesta, as this is one of the largest tourism events on island each year," said acting MVA managing director Judy Torres. "This is an excellent opportunity to show our support for Tinian by making a daytrip or weekend trip for a taste of real island living and this week's festivities."

On May 5, 2018, church festivities will begin with Mass at 8am at the Tinian Parish followed by a procession around San Jose. Following the procession, brunch will be hosted by the San Jose Parish Council on the church grounds.

Star Marianas Air, Inc. will provide extended flights on Friday through Sunday. The last flight from Saipan to Tinian will be at 9pm, and the last flight leaving Tinian to Saipan will be at 9:30pm. The *Super Emerald* ferry will depart Charles Dock in Saipan on Friday, May 3, at 9am and return the same day at 9pm. For more information on the ferry or a full schedule of events, contact the Tinian Mayor's Office at 433-1800/2.

Available hotel rooms on Tinian are Oceanview Hotel, Fleming's Hotel, LoriLynn's Hotel, Lion Garden, and Main Street Motel. Campers may use Tachogna Beach or Kammer Beach (the latter provides restrooms, outdoor showers, and barbecue pits for cooking). Car rentals are available at Avis, Islander, or Tinian Good Tour. ***(PR)***

# Guam son gets cybersecurity internship

Cybersecurity has been a hot topic for quite some time and the subject is only getting hotter. With the rise of security concerns in the cyber world, the need for the next generation of cyber security experts is in high demand.

Lucand Camacho of Guam was one of the few selected nationally to attend the Army Cyber Institute Internship this summer, from July 15 to Aug. 11, at the West Point Military Academy in New York.

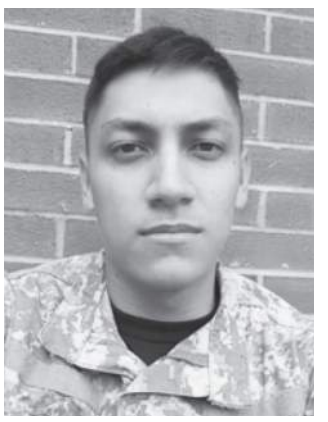
According to the ACI website, "The summer internship program is an eight-week course designed to provide interns with real world experience in futuristic cyber research at it relates to the security of the nation. Interns will be assigned to different research teams supporting a variety of cyber-related projects from policy development to hands on technical development. The interns will be exposed to the entire research cycle, from idea development to briefing a product, and how each piece of a research project integrates with a larger effort."

Camacho credits the University of Guam's Reserve Officers Training Corps program for exposing him to what he describes as a once-in-a-lifetime experience at the Army Cyber Institute at West Point military academy.

The selection process for this internship requires majors of precedence in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering or technical studies within the cyber field. Army requirements such as physical fitness and leadership capabilities help boost selection points. All other applicants were considered who have a strong technical background in information technology.

Camacho is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems at the University of Guam, which is a hybrid of computer science, business, and logical and statistical mathematics.

As the only applicant from UOG, he was compared against all other applicants from various ROTC universities and all civilian participants interested. "What gave me the edge as a candidate was my networking foundation as a former Army signal soldier and all civilian certifications by Cisco and the Electronics Technicians Association that I obtained at the Guam Community College," said Camacho.



Camacho

According to him, he pursued this internship to further build his background and hopefully commission into the Army's most recent and competitive branch of cybersecurity.

Lucand is the son of Francisco and Eloise Camacho of Dededo. ***(PR)***

## Scheduled power interruptions

There will be scheduled power interruptions on the following dates, times and locations:

**THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019 – 7:30am to 6:30pm**

- Outage type: Sectionalized lateral outage on the Kiya 2 distribution circuit
- Village location: Chalan Kanoa and Fina Sisu
- Power service area(s) affected: Chalan Joaquin Road
- Water service area(s) affected: None
- Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- Work to be performed: Replace damaged power lines with new power lines

**THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019 – 8:30am to 1:30pm**

- Outage type: Sectionalized lateral outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- Village location: Dandan
- Power service area(s) affected: Hafa Adai Avenue, Buenas Tatdes Street, Buenas Noches Street, Rascua Court, Pasehu Court, Magicienne Bay Avenue and Birada Street
- Water service area(s) affected: None
- Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- Work to be performed: Replace damaged power lines with new power lines

**FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019 – 8:00am to 4:00pm**

- Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- Village location: Dandan
- Power service area(s) affected: Dandan Road, Sirena Avenue, Atdao Street, Ayuda Street, Tienda Avenue, Sailing Drive, Deskansa Street, Bonta Street and Mestisa Avenue
- Water service area(s) affected: None
- Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- Work to be performed: Replace damaged power lines with new power lines

**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019 – 8:00am to 4:00pm**

- Outage type: Sectionalized lateral outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- Village location: Dandan
- Power service area(s) affected: Dandan Road, Sirena Avenue, Atdao Street, Ayuda Street, Tienda Avenue, Sailing Drive, Deskansa Street, Bonta Street and Mestisa Avenue
- Water service area(s) affected: None
- Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- Work to be performed: Replace damaged power lines with new power lines

**SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019 – 7:30am to 6:30pm**

- Outage type: Sectionalized lateral outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- Village location: Dandan
- Power service area(s) affected: Dandan Road Fishing Place, Adios Place, Walking Place, Kattan Hudda Drive, Hook Lane and Parasial Place • Water service area(s) affected: None
- Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- Work to be performed: Replace damaged power lines with new power lines

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# Business

# US, China begin new round of tariff war negotiations

Secretary Steven Mnuchin, left, and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, right, before they proceed to their meeting at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing, Wednesday, May 1, 2019. AP

**BEIJING** (AP)—American and Chinese trade negotiators began more talks Wednesday aimed at ending a tariff war after Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said U.S. officials might be moving toward a decision on whether to make a deal with Beijing.

No agreements have been announced but both governments say they are making progress. That has helped to reassure jittery global financial markets.

Washington is pressing Beijing to roll back industry development plans it says are based in part on stolen technology and that violate its market-opening commitments.

Mnuchin said Tuesday he hoped for "substantial progress" in talks this week.

The secretary said earlier this week's meeting at a Chinese government guesthouse and another round of talks next week in Washington would help American officials decide whether to recommend President Donald Trump agree to a deal with Beijing.

The U.S. delegation is led by Mnuchin and Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer. The Chinese side is led by the country's economic czar, Vice Premier Liu He.

Trump raised U.S. duties on $250 billion of Chinese imports last year in response to complaints Beijing steals or pressures companies to hand over technology. Beijing retaliated by imposing penalties on $110 billion of U.S. goods.

The talks also cover exchange rates and possible measures to narrow China's multibillion-dollar trade surplus with the United States.

The negotiators are still discussing how to ensure that Beijing would adhere to whatever commitments it makes, and whether the Trump administration would keep tariffs on Chinese imports to maintain leverage over Beijing.

Mnuchin told Fox Business Network on Monday that an enforcement mechanism just "needs a little bit of fine tuning."

U.S. officials and businesses assert that China has failed to keep past promises concerning its trade practices.

Critics worry any agreement might hurt other countries by shifting Chinese demand away from them. They also worry it might marginalize the World Trade Organization, which is meant to enforce free trade rules for everybody.

## US searches of phones, laptops at airports rising, suit says

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—U.S. government searches of travelers' cellphones and laptops at airports and border crossings nearly quadrupled since 2015 and were being done for reasons beyond customs and immigration enforcement, according to papers filed Tuesday in a federal lawsuit that claims scouring the electronic devices without a warrant is unconstitutional.

The government has vigorously defended the searches, which rose to 33,295 in fiscal 2018, as a critical tool to protect America. But the newly filed documents claim the scope of the warrantless searches has expanded to assist in enforcement of tax, bankruptcy, environmental and consumer protection laws, gather intelligence and advance criminal investigations.

Agents with U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement consider requests from other government agencies in determining whether to search travelers' electronic devices, the court papers said. They added that agents are searching the electronic devices of not only targeted individuals but their associates, friends and relatives.

The new information about the searches was included in a motion the Electronic Frontier Foundation and the American Civil Liberties Union filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Massachusetts.

"The evidence we have presented the court shows that the scope of ICE and CBP border searches is unconstitutionally broad," said Adam Schwartz, senior staff attorney for the EFF, based in San Francisco.

"ICE and CBP policies and practices allow unfettered, warrantless searches of travelers' digital devices and empower officers to dodge the Fourth Amendment when rifling through highly personal information contained on laptops and phones," he said.

The Department of Homeland Security did not respond to a request for comment. Both ICE and CBP said they did not comment on pending litigation.

When the suit was filed against the government in 2017, DHS officials said U.S. citizens and everyone else are subject to examination and search by customs officials, unless exempted by diplomatic status. The department has contended that no court has concluded that border searches of electronic devices require a warrant. Searches, some random, have uncovered evidence of human trafficking, terrorism, child pornography, visa fraud, export control breaches and intellectual property rights violations, according to the department.

The original case was filed on behalf of 10 American citizens and a lawful permanent resident from seven states—including two journalists, a NASA engineer and a former Air Force captain—who alleged the searches violated their constitutional rights. They asked the court to rule that the government must have a warrant based on probable cause before searching electronic devices at U.S. ports of entry.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Wynn Resorts fined $35M for misconduct allegations response

**BOSTON** (AP)—Gambling regulators in Massachusetts on Tuesday levied a $35 million fine on Wynn Resorts but allowed the company to keep its state casino license and open its Boston-area resort as planned after executives failed to disclose years of allegations of sexual misconduct against company founder Steve Wynn. The Massachusetts Gaming Commission also fined CEO Matthew Maddox $500,000 for his "clear failure" to investigate at least one misconduct complaint and required the Nevada company, which also owns properties in Las Vegas and Macau, to be subject to review by an independent firm selected by the state. The commission, in its 54-page decision, said it was "troubled by the systemic failures and pervasive culture of non-disclosure" its investigators uncovered, but ultimately determined the evidence "does not rise to the level" of revoking the company's license or calling for other major changes. "While the Company has made great strides in altering that system, this Commission remains concerned by the past failures and deficiencies," the decision reads. "Given our findings, it is now in the interest of the Commonwealth that the gaming licensee move forward in establishing and maintaining a successful gaming establishment in Massachusetts."

### Honduras withdraws health, school privatization on protests

**TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras** (AP)—Legislators in Honduras have struck down laws that could have privatized some health and education services, after protests left some government offices burned and some businesses looted. The protests occurred largely in the capital of Tegucigalpa on Monday. On Tuesday, Congress voted unanimously to strike down the laws that had been approved last week. The governing party's congressional head, Mauricio Oliva, said the move was made "to bring peace to the country." Government workers concerned about being laid off had burned offices of the local government and the state telephone company and broken windows at some businesses. The government had denied the laws would cause big layoffs. Health workers association leader Suyapa Figueroa says workers "are willing to dialogue."

### Foxconn CEO meeting at White House, reasons unclear

**MADISON, Wis.** (AP)—Foxconn Technology Group CEO Terry Gou is headed to the White House for a meeting, but it's unclear why. Foxconn has committed to building a $10 billion display screen manufacturing facility in Wisconsin that the company says will employ 13,000 people. Foxconn said in a statement Tuesday that it "regularly engages with its stakeholders in state and federal government." Foxconn says details of such interactions can't be disclosed for privacy reasons. Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers says Gou was meeting with President Donald Trump, but he didn't know exactly what they were talking about. No one from Wisconsin was to be at the meeting. Evers has said Foxconn wants to renegotiate its contract with the state. A White House spokesman said no meeting occurred Tuesday, but he didn't rule out a meeting taking place later.

## STOCK PORTFOLIO

### LEADING INDICATORS

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### EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Australian Dollar | 1.4182 | Hong Kong Dollar | 7.8447 | Russian Ruble | 64.5316 |
| British Pound | 0.7668 | Indian Rupee | 68.8481 | Singapore Dollar | 1.3597 |
| Canadian Dollar | 1.3378 | Japanese Yen | 111.4970 | South Korean Won | 1,147.80 |
| Chinese Yuan | 6.6145 | Malaysian Ringgit | 4.0899 | Swiss Franc | 1.0187 |
| Euro | 0.8915 | New Zealand Dollar | 1.5035 | Taiwan Dollar | 30.3783 |
| | | Philippine Peso | 50.7287 | Thailand Baht | 31.8765 |

# Nation

# Trump depicted in Mueller report feared being tabbed a fraud

***EDITOR'S NOTE***—*Another in a series of stories focusing on events detailed in the report of special counsel Robert Mueller, drawing from the document's trove.*

AP

President Donald Trump greets people at Palm Beach International Airport, Thursday, April 18, 2019, in West Palm Beach, Fla.

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The fear was persistent.

As the Russia investigation heated up and threatened to shadow Donald Trump's presidency, he became increasingly concerned. But the portrait painted by special counsel Robert Mueller is not of a president who believed he or anyone on his campaign colluded with Russians to interfere in the 2016 election.

Instead, the Trump of the Mueller report is gripped by fear that Americans would question the very legitimacy of his presidency. Would Trump, the man who put his name on skyscrapers and his imprint on television, be perceived as a cheater and a fraud?

To Trump, his victory over Hillary Clinton was both historic and overwhelming, though he won millions of votes less than did the Democratic candidate.

If people thought he'd won with the help of Russia, that glorious victory might be tainted.

Just a month after Election Day, on Dec. 10, 2016, reports surfaced that U.S. intelligence officials had concluded Russia interfered in the election and tried to boost Trump's presidential bid.

The next day, Trump went on Fox News and called the assessment "ridiculous" and "just another excuse." The intelligence community actually had "no idea if it's Russia or China or somebody," he argued.

"It could be somebody sitting in a bed some place," the president-elect added.

The president's public narrative quickly shifted. He blamed Democrats and accused his political opponents of putting the story out because they "suffered one of the greatest defeats in the history of politics."

But the intelligence community's assessment that Russia had interfered in the 2016 election to sow discord among American voters and to help get Trump elected was his "Achilles heel," one of his closest aides, Hope Hicks, would tell investigators.

In the months that followed, Trump reacted strenuously to investigations into links between the Russians and his campaign and transition teams.

Michael Flynn, who served on the transition team and would go on to be national security adviser, spoke with Sergey Kislyak, Russia's ambassador to the U.S. Flynn asked that Russia not retaliate against the United States because of sanctions announced by the Obama administration; the ambassador later told Flynn that Russia would hold back.

In the weeks that followed, Trump paid careful attention to what he saw as negative stories about Flynn. He grew increasingly angry when a story broke pointing out that Flynn had discussed sanctions with Kislyak.

By mid-February, Flynn was forced to resign.

A day later, as Trump was set to meet with FBI Director James Comey, the president had lunch with his confidant and former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. He told Christie he believed the Russia investigation would end because of Flynn's departure.

"Flynn met with the Russians. That was the problem. I fired Flynn. It's over," Trump said.

That couldn't have been further from the truth.

The fear — and Trump's anger — continued for months as the Russia investigation ensnared some of his closest confidants. Over and over, he would tell advisers that he thought the public narrative about Russian election interference was created to undermine his win. It was a personal attack, he insisted.

# 2 dead, 4 injured in North Carolina campus shooting

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** (AP)—A man armed with a pistol opened fire on students at a North Carolina university during the last day of classes Tuesday, killing two people and wounding four, police said. Officers who had gathered ahead of a campus concert raced over and disarmed the suspect.

The shooting prompted a lockdown at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and caused widespread panic across campus as students scrambled to take shelter.

"Just loud bangs. A couple loud bangs and then we just saw everyone run out of the building, like nervous, like a scared run like they were looking behind," said Antonio Rodriguez, 24, who was visiting campus for his friend's art show.

Campus Police Chief Jeff Baker said authorities received a call around 4:40 p.m. that a suspect armed with a pistol had shot several students. He said officers assembling nearby for a concert rushed to the classroom building and arrested the gunman in the room where the shooting took place. Authorities did not immediately release the suspect's identity.

"Our officers' actions definitely saved lives," Baker said at a news conference.

He said two people were killed, and three remained in critical condition late Tuesday. He said a fourth person's injuries were less serious. Students were among the victims, but officials would not say how many.

Monifa Drayton, an adjunct professor, was walking onto campus when she heard the shots. She said she directed students fleeing the scene to take cover inside a parking deck.

"I heard one final gunshot and I saw all the children running toward me," she said. "We started to get all the children pulled into the second floor of the parking deck and the rationale was if we're in the parking deck and there's a shooter and we don't know where he is, he won't have a clear shot."

She added: "My thought was, I've lived my life, I've had a really good life, so, these students deserve the same. And so, whatever I could do to help any child to safety, that's what I was going to do."

Shortly after UNC Charlotte issued a campus lockdown, aerial shots from local television news outlets showed police officers running toward a building, while another view showed students running on a campus sidewalk.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department later said that the campus had been secured and that officers were going through buildings to let people who were hiding know that it was safe to come out.

In a tweet, Gov. Roy Cooper praised the officers' quick response.

"This is a tragic day for Charlotte and this great university," he said. "We mourn the lives lost and we will all be here to support each other."

# Dallas officer tells 911: 'I thought it was my apartment'

**DALLAS** (AP)—The former Dallas police officer who fatally shot an unarmed black man in his own home told a 911 dispatcher "I thought it was my apartment" nearly 20 times as she waited for emergency responders to arrive, according to a recording of the call obtained by a Dallas TV station.

"I'm an off-duty officer. I thought I was in my apartment and I shot a guy thinking he was, thinking it was my apartment," Amber Guyger said in the Sept. 6 recording obtained by WFAA .

Guyger, who is white, is charged in the killing of Botham Jean and is set to go to trial later this year. She has said she entered Jean's apartment, thinking it was her own, and fatally shot him. The department fired her in the weeks following the shooting.

On the call, Guyger can be heard apologizing to Jean, who was a 26-year-old native of the Caribbean island of St. Lucia who worked in Dallas for an accounting and consulting firm.

WFAA hasn't said how it obtained the recording.

Dallas police did not authorize the audio's release and the department has opened an internal affairs investigation into the matter, said Senior Cpl. Melinda Gutierrez. The department again declined to provide the recording to The Associated Press in response to a public records request, saying Tuesday it is exempt as part of an ongoing criminal case.

A spokeswoman for the Dallas County District Attorney's office declined comment on the tape or say whether prosecutors are conducting their own leak investigation, citing a judge's gag order in the case. One of Guyger's lawyers, Toby Shook, also declined to comment.

Guyger sounds frantic during the nearly six-minute call, saying "I'm gonna lose my job" and "I am going to need a supervisor." At one point, she seems to question how she ended up in Jean's apartment and says, "I'm so tired." The call ends as police officers arrive and Guyger tells them, "No, it's me. I'm off duty, I'm off duty."

Attorney Daryl Washington, who is representing Jean's family, noted that Guyger did not tell the operator she was afraid of Jean or that she thought he was an intruder.

"There was nothing in that video or the recording where she ever indicated she thought Botham was trying to harm her," Washington told WFAA. "She was very fast to shoot without asking very many questions."

Lawyers unconnected to the case say that the 911 recording could be potent trial evidence that Guyger genuinely believed she was in her own apartment, but that alone is not exculpatory.

Prosecutors will grill Guyger on how and why she mistook Jean's fourth floor apartment for her own on the third floor, said Heath Harris, a criminal defense lawyer and former first assistant district attorney for Dallas County. Guyger's defense will largely hang on whether she can persuade a jury that it was a reasonable mistake, he said.

# Asia

## Japan's Naruhito in 1st speech vows to stay close to people

AP

Japan's new Emperor Naruhito, accompanied by new Empress Masako, makes his first address during a ritual after succeeding his father Akihito at Imperial Palace in Tokyo, Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

**TOKYO** (AP)—Japan's new Emperor Naruhito inherited Imperial regalia and seals as proof of his succession and pledged in his first public address Wednesday to follow his father's example in devoting himself to peace and staying close to the people.

Naruhito succeeded to the Chrysanthemum Throne at midnight after Akihito abdicated.

In his address to the people, Naruhito formally announced his succession and pledged to continue learning.

"When I think about the important responsibility I have assumed, I am filled with a sense of solemnity," he said. Naruhito noted that his father was devoted to praying for peace and sharing joys and sorrows of the people, while showing compassion.

He said he will "reflect deeply" on the path trodden by Akihito and past emperors, and promised to abide by the Constitution to fulfill his responsibility as a national symbol while "always turning my thoughts to the people and standing with them.

"I sincerely pray for the happiness of the people and the further development of the nation as well as the peace of the world," he said.

Naruhito was presented with the Imperial regalia of a sword and jewel, each in a box and wrapped in cloth, at a morning ceremony which was his first official duty in his new role.

His wife and daughter, Empress Masako and 17-year-old Princess Aiko were barred from the ceremony, where only adult male royals participated. Only his brother, now Crown Prince Fumihito, and his uncle Prince Hitachi were allowed to witness. Their guests included a female Cabinet minister, however, as the Imperial House Law has no provision on the gender of the commoners in attendance.

Japan was in a festive mood celebrating an imperial succession that occurred by retirement rather than by death. Many people stood outside the palace Tuesday to reminisce about Akihito's era, others joined midnight events when the transition occurred, and more came to celebrate the beginning of Naruhito's reign.

From a car window on his way to palace, Naruhito smiled and waved at the people on the sidewalk who cheered him. He and his family still live at the crown prince's Togu palace until they switch places with his parents.

He is the nation's 126th emperor, according to a palace count historians say could include mythical figures until around the 5th century.

The emperor under Japan's constitution is a symbol without political power. Naruhito is free of influence from Japan's imperial worship that was fanned by the wartime militarist government that had deified the emperor as a living god until his grandfather renounced that status after Japan's 1945 war defeat.

Naruhito has promised to emulate his father in seeking peace and staying close to people. Palace watchers say he might focus on global issues, including disaster prevention, water conservation and climate change, which could appeal to younger Japanese.

He will also face uncertainties in the Imperial household. Only his younger brother, Prince Akishino, 53, and Akishino's 12-year-old son, Prince Hisahito, can currently succeed him. The Imperial House Law confines the succession to male heirs, leaving Naruhito's daughter, Aiko, now 17, out of the running.

## Sri Lanka lifts social media ban imposed after Easter blasts

**COLOMBO, Sri Lanka** (AP)—Sri Lanka on Tuesday lifted a social media ban that was imposed after the Islamic State-claimed Easter bombings, a sign of security easing even as a Cabinet minister said he and others had received intelligence that they could be targeted by the same group in possible new attacks.

President Maithripala Sirisena ended the blocking of Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube and other popular sites, but asked the public to "act in a responsible manner" on social media, according to a government statement.

The government had said it was seeking to curb the spread of misinformation when it blocked social media in the wake of the April 21 bombings at churches and luxury hotels that killed 253 people.

Sri Lankan officials have warned that suspects linked to the bombings are still at large, and on Tuesday, Sri Lanka's health minister, Rajitha Senarathna, said he and seven other government ministers had been identified by intelligence officials as targets of possible additional suicide attacks this week, by the same Islamic State-linked group of Sri Lankan militants.

Senarathna said he stayed at home Sunday and Monday upon the officials' request. He declined to provide additional information about the source or type of intelligence.

At the same time, some of Sri Lanka's South Asian neighbors investigated possible activities in their countries inspired by the Easter attack.

In India, the country's National Investigative Agency said it had arrested a 29-year-old Indian man who identified himself as a follower of Mohammed Zahran, the Sri Lankan militant who officials say led the Easter attacks.

Investigators said in a statement late Monday that Riyas A., also known as Riyas Aboobacker, was plotting a similar suicide attack in the southern Indian state of Kerala. Three other people were brought in for questioning about suspected links to IS, according to the statement.

During a search of their homes, digital devices including mobile phones, SIM cards, memory cards, pen drives, diaries with handwritten notes in Arabic and Malayalam and untitled DVDs and CDs with religious speeches were seized, the statement said. The digital material was being forensically examined.

Investigators did not provide any details about Aboobacker's alleged plot but said he admitted during questioning that he had followed Zahran's vitriolic online speeches and videos for more than a year.

Authorities initially blamed the Easter attacks on Zahran and his followers. Then the Islamic State group on April 23 released images of Zahran and others pledging their loyalty to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the group's shadowy leader.

In a video released Monday, a man said to be al-Baghdadi praised the suicide bombings in Sri Lanka, calling them "part of the revenge" that awaits the West. It was al-Baghdadi's first filmed appearance in nearly five years.

Authorities in Bangladesh on Tuesday were investigating the Islamic State group's claim of responsibility for an explosion in the capital that injured three police officers.

Police said a "very powerful" crude bomb thrown by unidentified assailants at a shopping complex in Dhaka late Monday injured two traffic officers and a community police officer.

According to global terrorism monitor SITE Intelligence, IS claimed the attack on "apostate policemen" without producing evidence.

Meanwhile, the Catholic Church's top official in Sri Lanka said the government's ban on the niqab, a black veil made of thin fabric, often with a small opening for a Muslim woman to see through, was a good security step, but didn't go far enough to protect the faithful from another attack.

Human rights group Amnesty International said forcing Muslim women to take off their veils could be "coercive and humiliating."

"At a time when many Muslims in Sri Lanka fear a backlash, imposing a ban that effectively targets women wearing a face veil for religious reasons risks stigmatizing them," the group's deputy South Asia director, Dinushika Dissanayake, said in a statement.

"They will be forced out of public spaces to stay at home and will be unable to work, study or access basic services."

## North Korea criticizes Pompeo over comments on nuke talks

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—A senior North Korean diplomat on Tuesday accused U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo of making "foolish and dangerous" comments, after Pompeo said Washington will have to "change paths" if nuclear negotiations with North Korea break down.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency quoted First Vice Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui as saying that Pompeo's comments implied a potential use of military measures to break up North Korea's political system.

A February summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump collapsed over mismatched demands in sanctions relief and nuclear disarmament.

Choe said North Korea also has the option of changing directions and that Washington may face an "outcome it truly did not want" if it fails to offer mutually acceptable terms for an agreement by the year's end, a deadline set by Kim earlier this month during a speech to North Korea's rubber-stamp parliament.

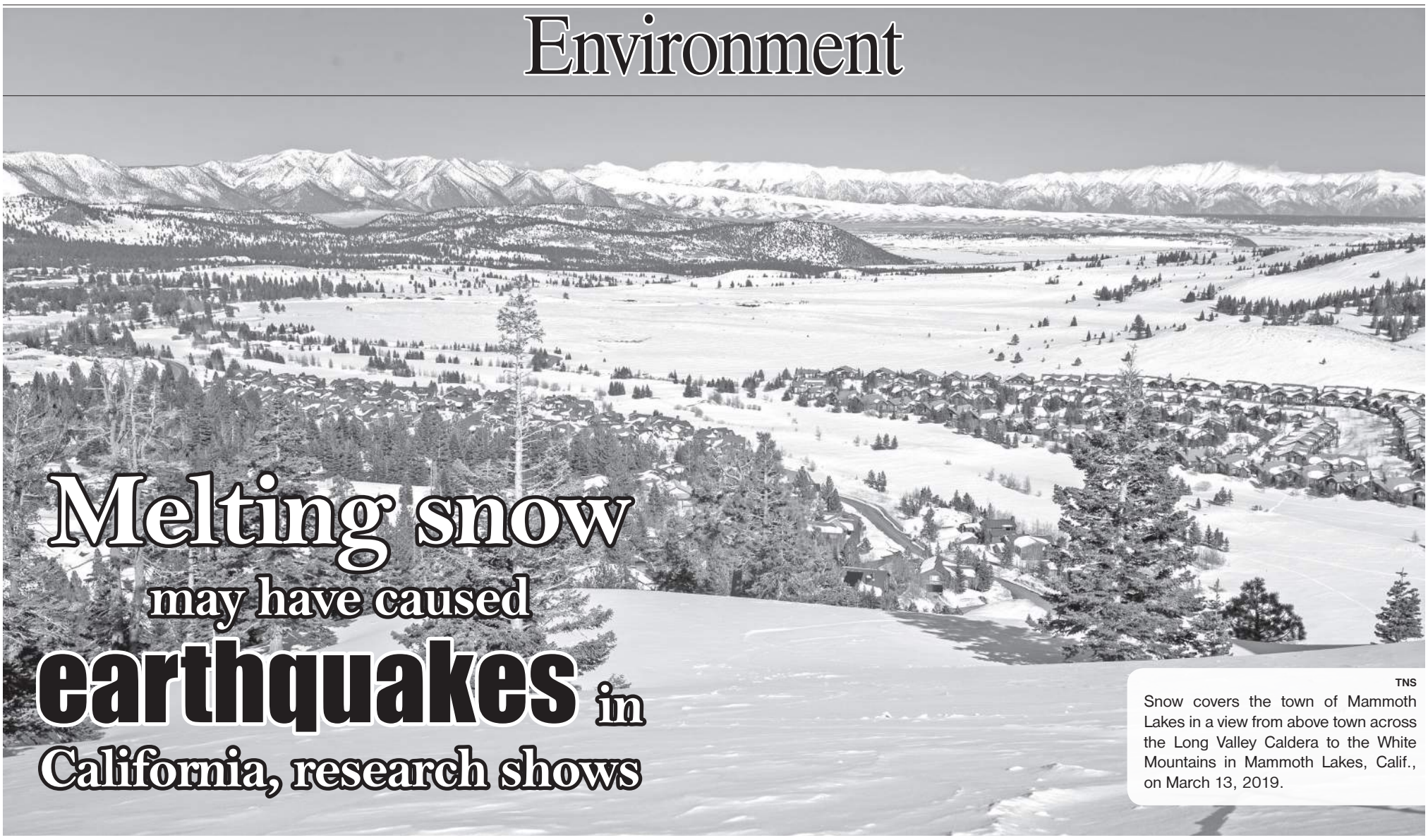
North Korea also demanded that the Trump administration remove Pompeo from the nuclear negotiations, accusing him of downplaying the significance of Kim's comments that the United States has until the end of the year to salvage the nuclear talks.

Pompeo made his comments last week in an interview with CBS television in which he said ongoing nuclear talks with North Korea would be "bumpy" and "challenging," while expressing confidence about ultimately brokering a path to full denuclearization.

He said Trump had not assigned a timeline for the duration of the talks, and that they would continue as long as "good-faith negotiations" and "real conversations" were taking place.

"And if that breaks down, if that doesn't happen, then we'll have to, obviously, change paths," Pompeo said.

# Environment



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Snow covers the town of Mammoth Lakes in a view from above town across the Long Valley Caldera to the White Mountains in Mammoth Lakes, Calif., on March 13, 2019.

## Melting snow may have caused earthquakes in California, research shows

By COLLEEN SHALBY
LOS ANGELES TIMES

**LOS ANGELES**—New research unveiled recently links a series of California earthquakes to heavy snowmelt during a wet winter.

Scientists involved in the work said they believe that water from the runoff flowed down to the groundwater, causing seismic movement. The research offers new geological insights into one of the most seismically active areas of California.

In 2017, a swarm of seismic activity occurred near California's Long Valley Caldera in the Mammoth Mountain area. Over the period of a few weeks, about 100 mostly minor earthquakes were tabulated each day.

During the same period of seismic activity, the area had high levels of flooding due to snowmelt. The 2016-2017 winter brought heavy snow that created one of the largest snowpacks ever recorded in California's history. A record amount of snowfall occurred in the same region this year, raising the question of whether the same occurrence will happen in 2019.

Emily Montgomery-Brown, a researcher at the U.S. Geological Survey who recently published the findings and shared them at a conference in Seattle, said she initially wondered if the swarms could be pegged to volcanic activity.

While giving a tour at the Mammoth Community Water District, she spoke with staff there about the flooding and recent seismic activity. First observed as two unrelated happenings, linked only by timing, it would be a few weeks later that a discovery was made connecting the two natural events.

Brown's colleague David Shelly found that the swarm of earthquakes was migrating downward — opposite to what is commonly observed. Typically during such swarms, fluid starts from a deep source and migrates upward toward the surface. In the case of what was happening near the Long Valley Caldera, fluid was starting at the surface and traveling down.

The finding triggered the idea that the snowmelt could be directly correlated to the seismic activity.

Brown and her colleagues examined data from 1984 to 2017. Over that period, Brown said, 55 percent of the 8,497 Long Valley earthquake swarms had occurred "on the wettest days during high snow years." Rates of shallow seismic activity in the area were about 37 times higher during wet periods versus dry.

"I think the discovery of these snowmelt swarms might be the biggest new interpretation of something that's happened there. I think in the past people have seen these swarms, but assumed it was unrelated to the magnetic system," Brown said.

The formation of rocks may be another factor for the snowmelt's effect.

"What we think is unique of the Long Valley area is that the rock layers have been deformed so much that they're tipped up on end, like books on a shelf," Brown said. The upward layers provide conduits for the snowmelt. The water recharges the groundwater, altering the pressure of rocks below the ground surface, which resulted in the 2017 swarms. The movement of groundwater has previously been connected to past earthquake swarms.

The Long Valley Caldera resumed inflating in 2011 — one of the biggest changes that has occurred in the volcano in recent years.

"The caldera itself goes through breathing episodes where it will increase in elevation for a while, then it pauses for a while and resumes inflating," Brown said. While the snowmelt can be a factor for some seismic activity at the volcano, researchers will not stop monitoring the area for possible volcanic activity in the future. They will also continue to watch for seismic activity as it pertains to snowmelt, which typically begins in late May to early June. The expectation is that there will be a large number of seismic swarms, as there have been in the past, but there's no guarantee.

"Sometimes in a big, wet year like last year, it can release all of the strains so the swarms might not be as big as the year before," Brown said. She compared it to a person exerting all their energy at an amusement park in one day, leading to a less active disposition on day two.

The volcano in Mono County erupted about 760,000 years ago, spewing magma and covering parts of California in hot ash that blew to what is present-day Nebraska. Scientists have been monitoring it since 1980 when, following a series of earthquakes, researchers discovered that the volcano had started to actively rise.

The volcano is one of three in California that the federal government considers to be a high threat. Though there are warning signs before a volcano erupts, the chance of eruption in California is similar in risk to that of a major earthquake on the San Andreas fault.

## Litter of endangered red wolves born on Earth Day, says NC museum that will raise them

By NOAH FEIT
THE STATE (COLUMBIA, S.C.)

**COLUMBIA, S.C.**—Earth Day was the perfect time for a North Carolina museum to announce it will be caring for a group of endangered animals born Monday.

A litter of six red wolf pups was born in the morning, according to a news release from the Museum of Life and Science.

The pups are the latest members of a pack of red wolves to be cared by the Durham museum, joining relatives that have been born in each of the past three years, according to the news release.

"I am so excited. These pups are the future for this imperiled species," the Museum's Animal Department Director Sherry Samuels said in the release. "There are fewer than 300 of these animals on the planet."

TNS
Six red wolf pups were born on Earth Day at the Museum of Life and Science.

The pups are in good health and are being cared for in the Explore the Wild exhibit, according to the news release.

The museum said the wolves might not be out in the exhibit for the next two weeks but might be spotted on its den cam.

"Wolf pups get people excited, and it gives us another opportunity to engage with people and have a dialogue about the importance of conservation and about endangered species in our own backyard," Samuels said in the news release.

Even once they go outside for extended periods, usually after they turn 6 weeks old, they still might be hard to spot because "red wolves are notoriously shy and can be quite reserved around crowds and loud noises," museum officials said.

In 2018, the mother of this litter "gave birth to three pups, two of which are now fully grown and remain at the museum," according to the news release.

"It is going to be an amazing spring and summer at our wolf habitat," Samuels said in the news release. "Watching these new pups grow up and interact with their older brothers and parents will be a once in a lifetime experience."

# Life & Style

## 'The Lion King' roars again

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Director Jon Favreau has just left a scoring session for "The Lion King " with Hans Zimmer and an orchestra. It was for the stampede (yes, THAT stampede). And it will come as no surprise to anyone familiar with the 1994 animated classic that, with Favreau's footage playing in the background, it got a little emotional in that room.

"Working on it doesn't make it any less emotional," Favreau said.

And don't even get him started on what it was like to listen to James Earl Jones record his lines as Mufasa.

Favreau and an army of people behind the scenes are putting the finishing touches on what might be this summer's most anticipated release, one that's been three years in the making with some of the biggest names in entertainment, including Beyoncé, and the expectations couldn't be higher. None of the other major studios are even daring to go up against "The Lion King" when it opens July 19.

The animated film, which opened in June 1994 at the peak of the Disney animation renaissance, went on to become a critical hit, the highest grossing film of the year at the worldwide box office (it was second domestically to "Forrest Gump"), a two-time Oscar winner for Zimmer's score and the song "Can You Feel the Love Tonight," and a Broadway show—now the third-longest running and one of the most successful in history. So it was only a matter of time before the Walt Disney Co., in this new era of live-action remakes of its animated library which this year included both "Dumbo" and "Aladdin," turned to one of its most beloved.

Favreau wasn't finished with his version of "The Jungle Book" when he started inquiring about plans for "The Lion King." He'd learned so much about motion capture technology and had a team he knew how to collaborate with. He was ready to take it to the next level. So, he raised his hand for the big job.

"I kind of lobbied for it," Favreau said.

The studio waited until "The Jungle Book" was out to give him the official word, but the 2016 movie which scored with both critics and audiences, turned out to be a pretty good audition. And he set to work prepping this "live-action" "Lion King," which, it should be said isn't live-action at all. It's a combination of virtual reality and "keyframe animation," which means that the animals are all animated by hand, "just like all the old animated movies," Favreau explained. In other words, if you visited the set, you would not find some gargantuan soundstage and a bunch of actors running around acting like lions while covered in motion capture bodysuits and dots.

## Sundance Film Festival co-founder pleads guilty to sex abuse

**AMERICAN FORK, Utah** (AP)—A filmmaker who co-founded the Sundance Film Festival and produced an Oscar-winning movie in the mid-1980s pleaded guilty Tuesday to sexual abuse of a child.

Sterling Van Wagenen, 71, entered the plea as part of an agreement that includes a sentence of six years to life. He plans to plead guilty to a second charge involving the same victim later this week, his attorney Steven Shapiro said.

His acceptance of the plea deal was a surprise since he had just been charged earlier this month and it came during his first court appearance. Shapiro said his client decided to waive his right to other hearings to resolve the case quickly and avoid further harm to his family.

Van Wagenen

Van Wagenen wanted to "acknowledge wrongful conduct," Shapiro said.

Prosecutors charged Van Wagenen with inappropriately touching a girl between the ages of 7 and 9 on two occasions between 2013 and 2015 in two northern Utah cities.

He is scheduled to be formally sentenced on July 2.

Van Wagenen co-founded a Utah film festival that came to be known as Sundance Film Festival with Robert Redford and was the Sundance Institute's founding executive director, but hasn't been with the organization for more than two decades.

He was a producer on the 1985 film "The Trip to Bountiful," a story of an elderly woman who longs to return to her home that earned the late actress Geraldine Page an Academy Award for her starring performance.

**NETFLIX MOVIE**

In this Sept. 6, 2018, file photo, members of the Wild Boars, the soccer team that was rescued from a flooded cave, attend a public discussion in Bangkok, Thailand. The U.S. streaming video giant Netflix has officially announced Tuesday, April 30, 2019, it will join with the production company for the movie Crazy Rich Asians to make a film about last July's dramatic rescue of 12 village boys who were trapped with their soccer coach in a flooded cave in northern Thailand for more than two weeks. AP

## Kristen Stewart celebrates young stars redefining sexuality

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Kristen Stewart says she felt a "huge responsibility" to define her sexuality after finding fame in the "Twilight" movie franchise. But she's glad today's young stars don't have to do so.

The 29-year-old actress said she was "so gay" on "Saturday Night Live" two years ago. But she sees a shift in culture that's allowed young people—in and outside Hollywood—to accept fluidity in gender and sexuality.

"I felt this huge responsibility, like one that I was really genuinely worried about, if I wasn't able to say one way or the other, then was I sort of like forsaking a side," said Stewart, who also had a long-term relationship with "Twilight" co-star Robert Pattinson.

"The fact that you don't have to now is like so much more truthful," said Stewart.

Stewart

The actress stars alongside Laura Dern in "J.T. LeRoy," a biopic about a young woman named Savannah Knoop whose sister-in-law Laura Albert created LeRoy as a literary persona. Knoop pretended to be a man in public appearances as the celebrated author, and now identifies as nonbinary.

Stewart celebrates that decision along with statements from younger Hollywood stars like Sophie Turner, 23, who have refused to label their sexuality.

"If you were to have this conversation with someone like in high school, they'd probably like roll their eyes and go, 'Why are you complicating everything so much?' ... Just sort of do what you want to do,'" she said. "It's really nice."

Stewart says contemporary culture is still struggling to define fluid gender and sexuality: "I just feel like we don't even have the words to describe the complexities of identity right now."

Stewart says she'll be putting that spirit into her feature film directorial debut, an adaptation of the memoir of a bisexual swimmer-turned-artist titled "The Chronology of Water."

"So much of that spirit is completely about finding new—finding a new language. And like really understanding that your word house, so to speak, is constructed by you," she said. "And you can also have a million definitions of any word you want. Like they are open for interpretation. ... So like words as solace -- because they really can be used as weapons or really like more saviors."

## Oprah Winfrey gets emotional at Hollywood empowerment event

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Oprah Winfrey may have been the main honoree at The Hollywood Reporter's inaugural Empowerment in Entertainment luncheon, but it was a group of underprivileged high school students who stole the show and even brought Winfrey to tears.

Winfrey

At the event Tuesday in Los Angeles, 20 local high school juniors who had been selected to the new Young Executive Fellowship Program, learned from Selena Gomez that two would be were receiving full scholarships to Howard University and Emerson College, and all would get a laptop. The program was started to try to address the lack of diversity and inclusion in the executive ranks in Hollywood.

The joyful faces on stage brought the well-heeled room—including Lea Michele, Caitlyn Jenner and Maria Shriver—to their feet with applause. Winfrey wiped away tears under her glasses looking up at all the grateful students.

Alicia Keys, on hand to introduce Winfrey as the recipient of the first Empowerment in Entertainment award, took the stage right after.

"Ok that was just a real moment right there," Keys said. "That was a real thing that happened right here."

By the time Oprah made her way to the stage to accept the award, henceforth to be called the Oprah Winfrey Empowerment in Entertainment Award, her eyes were dry and she was ready to rock the room with an inspiring speech in which she looked back at her own history of fighting for equal pay for herself and then others.

She recounted asking in Baltimore to be paid the same as her male co-anchor.

"I was told by my news director and the general manager that because I was a single woman who didn't have a mortgage and didn't have kids, I wasn't entitled to earn as much as the man sitting next to me," Winfrey said. "They didn't know my value but I knew my value."

And by the time she did get a raise in Chicago, she asked for the same for her producers. "They're just girls," she was told. And said she was willing to sit down until they got one.

# Obamas unveil slate of series, documentaries for Netflix

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Barack and Michelle Obama on Tuesday unveiled a slate of projects they are preparing for Netflix, a year after the former president and first lady signed a deal with the streaming platform.

The Obamas' production company, Higher Ground Productions, on Tuesday announced a total of seven films and series that Barack Obama said will entertain but also "educate, connect and inspire us all."

Higher Ground is producing a feature film on Frederick Douglass, adapted from David W. Blight's Pulitzer Prize-winning biography. Also in the works is a documentary series that adapts Michael Lewis' "Fifth Risk: Undoing Democracy," the "Moneyball" author's 2018 best-seller about government servants working under the political appointees of Donald Trump's administration.

The production company's first release will be Steven Bognar and Julia Reichert's Sundance Film Festival documentary "American Factory," about a Chinese-owned factory in post-industrial Ohio. Netflix and Higher Ground also acquired Jim LeBrecht and Nicole Newnham's "Crip Camp," a documentary about a summer camp for disabled teenager founded in upstate New York in the early 1970s.

The Obamas are also developing an upstairs-downstairs drama set in post-WWII New York titled "Bloom," and an adaptation of The New York Times "Overlooked" obituary column, about deaths unreported by the paper. A half-hour show for preschoolers titled "Listen to Your Vegetables & Eat Your Parents" will instruct kids about food.

"We love this slate because it spans so many different interests and experiences, yet it's all woven together with stories that are relevant to our daily lives," Michelle Obama said. "We think there's something here for everyone—moms and dads, curious kids, and anyone simply looking for an engaging, uplifting watch at the end of a busy day."

The projects are to be released over the next several years.

## Jussie Smollett will not return to 'Empire' for next season

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Fox Entertainment said Tuesday that Jussie Smollett will not return to his series "Empire" next season in the wake of allegations by Chicago officials the actor lied about a racially motivated attack.

Smollet

"By mutual agreement, the studio has negotiated an extension to Jussie Smollett's option for season six, but at this time there are no plans for the character of Jamal to return to 'Empire,'" the studio said in a statement that gave no reasoning was given for the decision.

Fox announced earlier Tuesday that the drama about a hip-hop record label and the fiery family behind it had been renewed for a sixth season.

A Smollett representative released a statement to several media outlets suggesting a hope that he may eventually return.

"We've been told that Jussie will not be on 'Empire' in the beginning of the season but he appreciates they have extended his contract to keep Jamal's future open," the statement said. "Most importantly he is grateful to Fox and 'Empire' leadership, cast, crew and fans for their unwavering support."

## Milano celebrates first House ERA hearing in over 30 years

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Alyssa Milano is celebrating the first House hearing on the Equal Rights Amendment in more than three decades.

The actress and women's rights activist says the amendment would put women on equal footing under the Constitution.

"Not 'We the men,'" she told a packed press conference on Tuesday, the same day the proposal was heard before the House Judiciary Committee. "Say it with me: We the people."

The amendment, sponsored by Rep. Carolyn Maloney, states: "Women shall have equal rights in the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

The hearing was the first time in 36 years the amendment was considered by the full, Democrat-controlled committee.

## Big battle brings record viewing for HBO's 'Game of Thrones'

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—HBO's "Game of Thrones" has once again ridden a high body count to a record viewer count.

Sunday's big-battle episode, the third of the final season, drew 17.8 million viewers either live on the network at 9 p.m., streamed, on-demand or in a rerun that aired later that night, the Nielsen company said.

That made it the week's most-watched show cable or broadcast and the most-watched one-day event ever in HBO's four decades of existence, topping the "Game of Thrones" season eight premiere, which had 17.4 million viewers two weeks earlier.

The episode known as "The Long Night" was the longest in series history at 1 hour, 22 minutes. It featured a battle between the living and the dead—teased and anticipated since season one—that had a sky-high casualty count even for the famously bloody fantasy series.

This image released by HBO shows Maisie Williams in a scene from "Game of Thrones," that aired Sunday, April 28, 2019. AP

Some 12.02 million people watched the episode live, a figure eclipsed only by the season seven finale.

The May 19 series finale is expected to break both records.

The numbers for Sunday's episode are likely to grow considerably after delayed and repeat viewings. HBO said 38 million people have now watched the season eight premiere.

## Daniel Radcliffe to return to London stage in Beckett play

**LONDON** (AP)—Daniel Radcliffe is returning to the London stage in a Samuel Beckett double bill.

The Old Vic Theatre says the former "Harry Potter" star will appear alongside Alan Cumming in a production of Beckett's bleak comedy "Endgame" that opens in February. It will be performed along with Beckett's rarely produced short play "Rough For Theatre II."

The 29-year-old Radcliffe appeared at the Old Vic in 2017 in Tom Stoppard's "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead."

The Old Vic's 2019-2020 season will also reunite Claire Foy and Matt Smith, stars of the first two seasons of "The Crown," as a couple grappling with the fate of the planet in "Lungs." The theater also plans to stage Lucy Prebble's "A Very Expensive Poison," based on the killing of former Russian agent Alexander Litvinenko.

# Invitations from friend are declined for safety reasons

**DEAR ABBY**: I have a former co-worker whose husband was just released from a psychiatric facility. He had threatened to kill himself and take the entire family with him. I met him before the incident. He did not seem balanced then, and I was uncomfortable being around him.

Since his release, my friend keeps inviting me to their house and wants to come to mine. I keep making excuses for not allowing visits to my house or hers. I still have a bad feeling about being exposed to him and possibly putting myself in danger. I have been in abusive relationships in the past, and one attack was nearly fatal.

I have spoken to her about the dangers of being with a person such as him. But she says she can't leave because they have three children on the spectrum. Am I being silly?

APPREHENSIVE IN TEXAS

**DEAR APPREHENSIVE: No, you are not being silly. Listen to your gut. Nowhere in your letter did you indicate that you and the wife are close friends. If you are uncomfortable being around her husband because of your own history, you do not have to be.**

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**DEAR ABBY**: I recently did a DNA test using a kit through a genealogy company that advertises nationally and internationally. I received my results and discovered that one of the features is that the website shows people with whom I share DNA, along with predictions of my relationship to them.

I'm interested in trying to strike up conversations with people to whom I am distantly related (most of my matches are fourth or fifth cousins or further), but I'm at a loss for how to begin. I have tried mentioning common family connections, but haven't gotten anywhere with that approach. Do you have any advice you can share with me about how to start a conversation with someone I'm related to, but don't know?

CURIOUS IN CANADA

**DEAR CURIOUS: What you should do is tell these people that your DNA test results showed that you may be related, and ask if the person is willing to share information. However, if they do not respond, take the hint and don't follow up.**

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**DEAR ABBY**: We have a dear friend, a widower, whom we invite to dinner frequently because he is alone. Usually these invitations include other guests.

Our articulate friend has the most annoying habit of blowing his nose at the table into one of my cloth napkins. It is disgusting, not only to me, but to the other guests as well. What can I do to make him stop? I tried placing a small box of tissues next to his dinner plate, but he ignores them and uses his napkin anyway. I don't even like to re-use the napkin after it has been washed, particularly for guests.

TURNED OFF AT THE TABLE

**DEAR TURNED OFF: Because you tried the subtle approach and it didn't work, TELL this impolite widower that you placed the box of tissues near him so he would stop using your napkins as handkerchiefs. Frankly, it is considered rude to blow one's nose at the table AT ALL because it tends to gross out the other diners.**

*For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order "How to Be Popular." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)*

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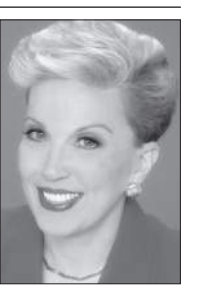

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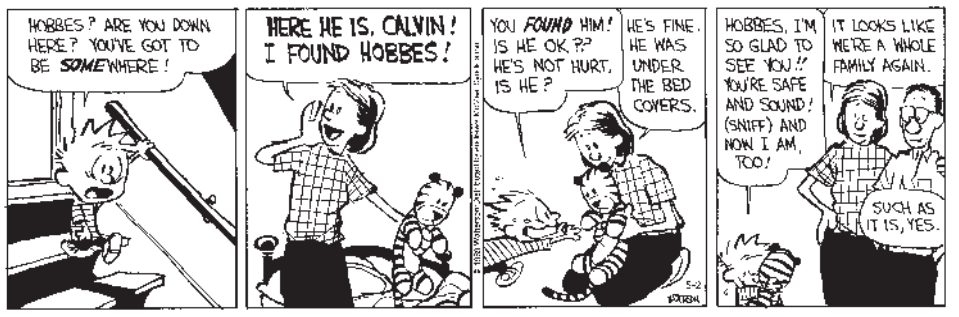
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

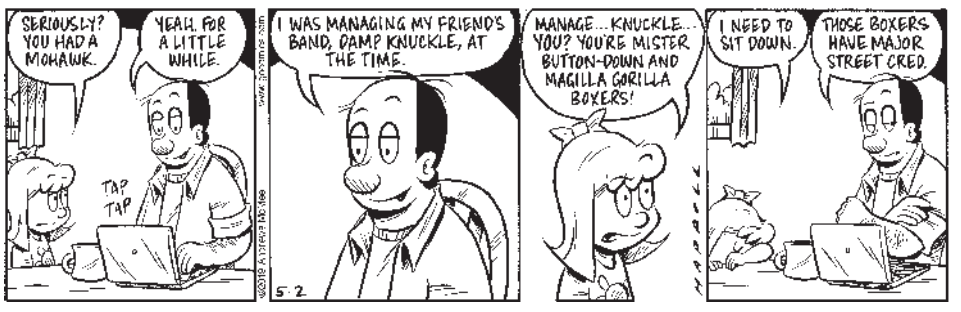

HOBBES? ARE YOU DOWN HERE? YOU'VE GOT TO BE SOMEWHERE!
HERE HE IS, CALVIN! I FOUND HOBBES!
YOU FOUND HIM! IS HE OK?? HE'S NOT HURT, IS HE?
HE'S FINE. HE WAS UNDER THE BED COVERS.
HOBBES, I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU!! YOU'RE SAFE AND SOUND! (SNIFF) AND NOW I AM, TOO!
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE A WHOLE FAMILY AGAIN.
SUCH AS IT IS, YES.

## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

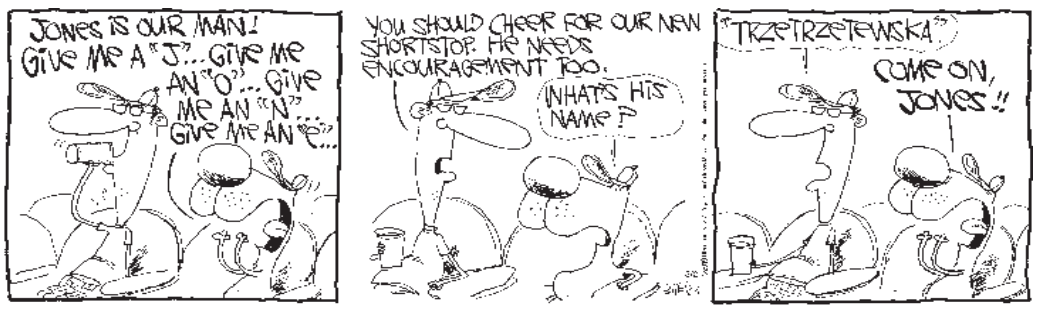
## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


SERIOUSLY? YOU HAD A MOHAWK.
YEAH. FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
TAP TAP
I WAS MANAGING MY FRIEND'S BAND, DAMP KNUCKLE, AT THE TIME.
MANAGE...KNUCKLE... YOU? YOU'RE MISTER BUTTON-DOWN AND MAGILLA GORILLA BOXERS!
I NEED TO SIT DOWN.
THOSE BOXERS HAVE MAJOR STREET CRED.

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


JONES IS OUR MAN! GIVE ME A "J"... GIVE ME AN "O"... GIVE ME AN "N" GIVE ME AN "E"...
YOU SHOULD CHEER FOR OUR NEW SHORTSTOP. HE NEEDS ENCOURAGEMENT TOO.
WHAT'S HIS NAME?
"TRZETRZETEWSKA"
COME ON, JONES!!

## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

**ACROSS**

1 Dallas cager, for short
4 Reindeer herder
8 Persian leader
12 Hit CBS series
13 Vicinity
14 Roof overhang
15 Like some salad dressings
17 Frat letters
18 Duo
19 Sikhs' headwear
21 Enjoy, as fine food
24 Luau bowlful
25 Guitar's kin
26 Yule quaff
28 Desert flora
32 Simple
34 Drench
36 Lunch hour
37 Pesto herb
39 Super Bowl VIP
41 P followers
42 Joke
44 Learned one
46 Sans
50 Lucy of "Elementary"
51 Coup d' —
52 "Deathtrap" playwright
56 Impetuous
57 Toy block name
58 Here, to Henri
59 BPOE members
60 Beloved
61 Fanatic

**DOWN**

1 Roman 1105
2 "— was saying ..."
3 Wine producers
4 Snorkeling site
5 Altar constellation
6 Impudent
7 Settle a debt
8 Belgrade native
9 "Funny!"
10 Bard's river
11 Big name in oil
16 Farm female
20 Sinbad's bird
21 — luck (accidental success)
22 Furniture brand
23 At once
27 Jewel
29 French chicken dish
30 Undecided
31 "Meet Me — Louis"
33 Pizza slices, often
35 Sports bar sets
38 Asian language
40 Wan quality
43 Screen Actors —
45 Compete
46 Existed
47 Slanted type (Abbr.)
48 Chore
49 Sloth's home
53 Khan title
54 Post-op area
55 Little louse

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

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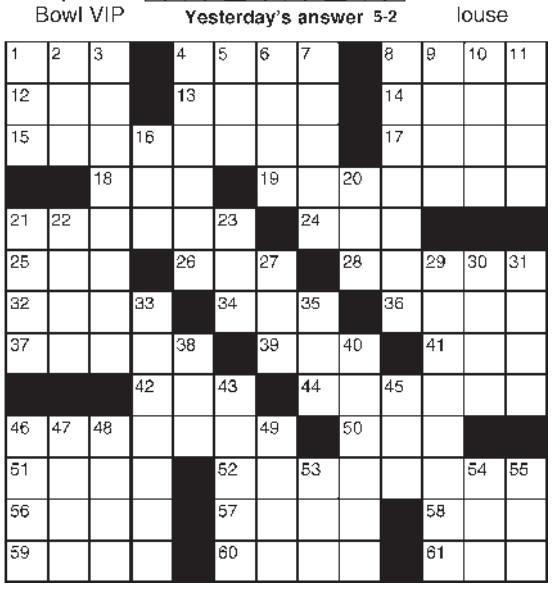

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Ellie Kemper, 39; David Beckham, 44; Dwayne Johnson, 47; Christine Baranski, 67.

**Happy Birthday:** Take care of personal matters that can affect your financial, legal or health matters. Leave nothing to chance. Trusting others to look out for your best interests will not measure up to your standards. A change of attitude or to the way you handle your affairs will pay off. Your numbers are 4, 11, 20, 23, 27, 35, 42.

**ARIES** *(March 21-April 19):* Opportunity is heading your way. Channel your energy into getting what you want in all aspects of life. Wheeling and dealing will pay off, and celebrating with someone you love should be on your agenda. Keep personal secrets to yourself. ✪✪✪

**TAURUS** *(April 20-May 20):* Don't make assumptions based on what others tell you. Transparency will be lacking when dealing with joint ventures. Protect your reputation and stick to the rules and regulations to avoid setbacks. Deal with institutions and red tape with honesty and integrity. ✪✪✪

**GEMINI** *(May 21-June 20):* Set the pace instead of letting someone else take the lead. Use your skills, intelligence and charm to outmaneuver negativity and opposition. Form alliances with people who are forward-thinking and eager to bring about positive change. ✪✪✪✪

**CANCER** *(June 21-July 22):* Be careful who you choose to associate with personally or professionally. Don't be fooled by a smooth talker. Look for people who offer sound advice and practical options that you know you can afford and incorporate into your life. ✪✪

**LEO** *(July 23-Aug. 22):* A change may not appeal to you initially, but with a little finagling, you'll find a way to move forward. Personal improvements will pay off and encourage others to support your efforts. Romance is on the rise. ✪✪✪✪✪

**VIRGO** *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Financial, contractual or health issues will surface. If you take on too much or you are unable to adjust to what's happening, it will be difficult to get ahead. Make sure you know what you want before you engage in negotiations. ✪✪✪

**LIBRA** *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Walk away from negativity and toward enlightenment. Seize the moment, and follow your heart and your dreams. Make relationships, love and gaining experience your priorities. Romance will improve your attitude and your personal life. Take a mental, physical or spiritual journey. ✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Look for something new and exciting to occupy your time and to help you make a change to the way you move forward. Traveling, learning and new experiences will prepare you for what's to come. Embrace life to build your future. ✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Put more emphasis on personal growth, home and family. Mental, emotional and physical changes will prompt you to engage in relationships with people who share the same interests. Simplifying your life will free up more time to spend with someone you love. ✪✪✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Stay calm, and don't worry so much about what others do or say. Pay closer attention to your home, how you live and the changes you want to make to ensure your stability, security and comfort moving forward. ✪✪

**AQUARIUS** *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* An unexpected offer should be looked at carefully. If you are uncertain, say so and move on to something more suitable. Make decisions that serve you well. You don't have to be a people pleaser when it's not in your best interest. ✪✪✪✪

**PISCES** *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Get involved in something you believe in, and make a difference. The experience will be satisfying and change your attitude toward life and the way you want to live. Don't expect everyone to support your choices. ✪✪✪

**Birthday Baby:** You are active, unyielding and protective. You are reserved and observant.

*To submit astrological questions to the "Dear Eugenia" column, visit Eugenialast.com, or join Eugenia on Twitter/Facebook/LinkedIn.*

## SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

**Yesterday's Answer**

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

In the Matter of the Petition for the Change of Name of: ) FCD CN CIVIL ACTION NO. 19-0192
)
Andy John Sablan Estella Petitioner ) **NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on July 22, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom MBP before Honorable Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio.

Dated this 30th day of April, 2019

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) hereby gives notice that a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, May 3, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. in the Tinian International Airport Departure Area on the island of Tinian. The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

**AGENDA**

**I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:**
a. Call to Order
b. Roll Call
c. Adoption of Agenda
d. Adoption of Minutes (December 18, 2018)
**II. PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**
**III. ITEMS:**
1. Resolution 2019-01: To approve the lease agreement with the United States for certain Airport and Seaport properties on the island of Tinian
2. Lease Agreement for Divert Operations at the Tinian International Airport and Port of Tinian
**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
• Legal Counsel Reports: Legal matters/Litigation
**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

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Chairwoman, Board of Directors

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## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 02-2019

**Opening date: April 29, 2019 Closing date: May 17, 2019**

Positions:
(1) Receptionist/Secretary (Saipan)
(1) BHS Technician (Saipan)
(1) Assistant Custodial Supervisor (Saipan)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official sealed transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the **CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport or CPA Administration Office Tinian International Airport or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport**. Failure to provide any of the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening, 10 year Criminal History Record Check and 49 CFR Part 1542.209(d) Requirements. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents to the CPA Administration Office (Saipan) or at the West Tinian International Airport or Benjamin T. Manglona Rota International Airport is no later than **5:00 pm on Friday, May 17, 2019.**

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# Sabathia gets 3,000th K, but D-Backs top Yanks

**PHOENIX** (AP)—New York Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia reached 3,000 career strikeouts Tuesday night, becoming the 17th major leaguer and third left-hander to achieve the milestone.

Sabathia entered the game against Arizona with 2,997 strikeouts and hit the mark by fanning three batters in the second inning.

The Yankees poured out of the dugout to congratulate Sabathia and the Chase Field crowd, full of New York fans, roared after the big left-hander struck out John Ryan Murphy on a down-and-in offspeed pitch. In 2015, Murphy was the Yankees catcher when Sabathia got his 2,500th strikeout.

Sabathia tipped his hat to the crowd and hugged his kids in the front row before heading to the on-deck circle to lead off the next inning. The 38-year-old has already announced this will be his final season.

Sabathia joined Randy Johnson and Steve Carlton as the only lefties to record 3,000 strikeouts.

"We've been waiting for this all week," Sabathia's wife, Amber, said in an interview with the Yankees' YES Network after it happened. She added the lofty total was "part of his legacy."

Amber Sabathia estimated there were 40 family members and friends at the Diamondbacks' ballpark for the big event.

"Big C! What an accomplishment! One of the best to ever do it," tweeted former Yankees teammate Phil Hughes.

Now in his 19th big league season, Sabathia was the first pitcher to hit the 3,000 mark since Atlanta's John Smoltz in 2008.

"Those are magical numbers in our sport and people should take notice when people come up upon those things," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said before the game.

Sabathia began his career in 2001 with Cleveland and also pitched for Milwaukee before moving to the Yankees in 2009, helping them win the World Series that season.

Nolan Ryan is the all-time strikeout leader with 5,714.

New York Yankees starting pitcher CC Sabathia throws during the first inning of the team's baseball game against the Arizona Diamondbacks, Tuesday, April 30, 2019, in Phoenix. AP

### Angels 4, Blue Jays 3

In Anaheim, Brian Goodwin hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning, and Griffin Canning struck out six while pitching into the fifth inning of his major league debut in the Los Angeles Angels' victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Vladimir Guerrero Jr. went 0 for 2 with two walks while playing the first road game of his career in his Hall of Fame father's home ballpark. The touted Toronto rookie drew a leadoff walk in the ninth inning, but Hansel Robles got three quick outs for his second save.

Jonathan Lucroy hit a two-run homer and Ty Buttrey (2-1) pitched the eighth for the Angels, who have won four of five after struggling through the previous two weeks.

The Blue Jays had retired 11 straight Angels before Goodwin connected off Ryan Tepera (0-1) for the fourth homer of his strong start with Los Angeles.

Brandon Drury hit his third homer in four games for the Blue Jays, who had won three straight and nine of 12.

### Brewers 4, Rockies 3

In Milwaukee, Jesus Aguilar homered again and the Brewers, held without a runner for five innings, broke through late and beat Colorado.

Jhoulys Chacin pitched six scoreless innings for the Brewers. Milwaukee has won 12 of its last 14 against Colorado, including a sweep in last season's NL Division Series.

The Brewers again played without NL MVP Christian Yelich, who sat out with lower back soreness for the second straight game.

German Marquez (3-2) took a perfect game into the sixth before surrendering a leadoff double to Ben Gamel that hit left fielder Raimel Tapia's glove. Gamel later scored.

Chacin (3-3) allowed just two hits over six innings.

### Astros 11, Twins 0

In Minneapolis, Gerrit Cole allowed one hit in seven innings, and Houston backed him with three homers.

Cole (2-4) gave up his only hit in the sixth inning while the Astros broke out offensively to win a meeting of division leaders and snap Minnesota's four-game winning streak.

George Springer, Jake Marisnick and Alex Bregman went deep for Houston.

Cole struck out 11 and walked three, including the first two batters of the game. Relievers Josh James and Chris Devenski completed the three-hitter.

### Pirates 6, Rangers 4, 11 innings

In Arlington, Bryan Reynolds led off the 11th inning with his first career homer and Starling Marte then added a two-run shot as Pittsburgh ended its eight-game losing streak by beating Texas.

The Pirates were scoreless until getting three runs in the ninth off closer Jose Leclerc.

Reynolds led off the 11th with a blast off Jesse Chavez (0-1) that landed on the hill in center field.

Kyle Crick (1-1) pitched a perfect 10th. Felipe Vazquez worked the 11th for his seventh save after allowing Joey Gallo's leadoff homer—his 10th.

### Mets 4, Reds 3, 10 innings

In New York, rookie Pete Alonso hit a game-winning sacrifice fly off Cincinnati closer Raisel Iglesias in the 10th inning, and the Mets rebounded from a blown ninth-inning lead.

J.D. Davis doubled to left-center to cap a 10-pitch at-bat leading off the 10th against Iglesias (1-4). Jeff McNeil singled sharply to put runners at the corners with his fourth hit of the game.

With the infield in and outfield shallow, Alonso hit a fly to the warning track in right and the Mets avoided dropping below .500 for the first time this year.

### Red Sox 5, Athletics 1

In Boston, Rick Porcello pitched eight shutout innings and struck out a season-high eight as the Red Dosx beat Oakland.

Porcello (2-3) allowed only two hits and walked two while winning his second straight start.

Mookie Betts and Mitch Moreland homered for Boston and the Red Sox won for the fourth time in six games.

Aaron Brooks (2-3) pitched 4 1/3 innings for Oakland, allowing five runs on six hits and three walks.

### Indians 7, Marlins 4

In Miami, Carlos González hit a tiebreaking three-run homer, only his second extra-base hit of the season, and Cleveland beat Miami.

Trevor Bauer (4-1) overcame a slow start to pitch seven innings. He allowed four runs and struck out 10.

Curtis Granderson hit his fourth homer for the Marlins, who lost their fourth game in a row and have the worst record in the majors.

González's homer off Sandy Alcantara (1-3) broke a 3-3 tie in the third.

Former Marlin Brad Hand completed a five-hitter by pitching a perfect ninth for his ninth save in as many chances.

### Dodgers 10, Giants 3

In San Francisco, David Freese hit a three-run homer, Justin Turner went deep for the first time this season and Los Angeles beat San Francisco.

Kiké Hernández also connected, and Walker Buehler (3-0) pitched into the sixth inning to remain unbeaten in six starts.

Dodgers slugger Cody Bellinger singled, walked and scored twice, but was denied in his bid to break the major league record for most home runs before May 1. Bellinger has 14 homers so far this season.

### Tigers 3, Phillies 1

In Philadel-hia, Miguel Cabrera had an RBI single and Niko Goodrum added a two-run homer to lift Detroit past the Phillies.

Spencer Turnbull (2-2) pitched six strong innings as the Tigers snapped a four-game skid.

Cabrera moved into a tie for 68th all-time with 2,705 career hits

It was the Tigers' first meeting with the Phillies since 2016 and their first trip to Philadelphia since 2007.

Shane Greene pitched a scoreless ninth for his 12th save in as many chances.

Vince Velasquez (1-1) needed 99 pitches to get through 3 2/3 innings before being lifted. Velasquez gave up three runs and six hits with seven strikeouts and three walks.

### Cardinals 3, Nationals 2

In Washington, Adam Wainwright pitched neatly into the seventh inning, helping himself by kicking the ball over to first for a key out, and St. Louis beat the Nationals.

Harrison Bader drove in two runs and Kolten Wong had two hits as NL Central-leading St. Louis earned its fourth straight victory. It was the Cardinals' 18th win in April, matching a team record set in 2008.

Wainwright (3-2) allowed two runs and six hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Tyler Webb, John Gant and Andrew Miller combined for 2 2/3 innings of one-hit ball. Miller got two outs for his first save with St. Louis.

Anibal Sanchez (0-4) struck out seven in five innings.

### Padres 4, Braves 3

In Atlanta, Franmil Reyes homered twice and drove in three runs, Eric Hosmer also went deep and rookie Chris Paddack turned in another impressive start, leading San Diego past Atlanta.

Reyes homered on the 11th pitch of the game, followed by another solo shot in the sixth to break a 2-2 tie.

Paddack (2-1) went six innings, surrendering only a two-out, two-run single to Matt Joyce in the second.

Julio Teheran (2-4) became the ninth pitcher in Braves' franchise history to start 200 games, but he had no answer for Reyes.

Craig Stammen gave up a run-scoring single to Ronald Acuna Jr. in the eighth, but Kirby Yates worked a scoreless ninth for his major league-leading 14th save in as many chances.

# Warriors take 2-0 advantage over Rockets

**OAKLAND**—There was no great refereeing controversy this time but as the Golden State Warriors moved two games up on the Houston Rockets Tuesday night, there was just as much frenetic action.

The Warriors prevailed in a ferociously contested Game 2 at Oracle Arena, 115-109, a match-up that left both teams with bruised and bloodied, and gave the two-time defending champions a huge advantage as the series switches to Texas.

The officiating was far less of a narrative than in Sunday's spicy Game 1, probably because there was so much else to talk about. James Harden headed to the locker room in the first quarter with a lacerated left eyelid and struggled with his vision throughout, yet he still managed to lead his team back into contention late on. For all the acrimony to open the series, Draymond Green and Kevin Durant both went to check on Harden following his injury.

What a strange series this is, and what a good one.

Stephen Curry dislocated a finger in the opening minutes, prompting a loud profanity for the benefit of the national audience, but still came back to make his most important contribution of these playoffs.

"It looked bad when he came off the floor. I was hoping it was just a dislocation not a break and that's what it turned out to be," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "He did some great things and fueled us. He may not have shot the three that well but played a great game for us."

It was thrilling stuff, with Golden State dominant early but the Rockets simply refusing to go away. At the end of each of the first three quarters Houston hit three points, courtesy of Austin Rivers and Harden from downtown, and then three Harden free throws following a foul by Kevin Durant.

That call prompted a sarcastically over-the-top celebration from Chris Paul, but in truth, all the pregame hype about what fouls would be whistled for and missed, and the potential impact of official Scott Foster, proved to be overblown.

"I didn't even notice the officiating," Kerr said. "I don't think anybody did, they did a great job."

The Warriors won out because they were more rugged and ruthless and because they have momentum behind them. Maybe Houston can write a memo that spells out just how much of a difference Harden's restricted eyesight and temporary absence made. The Beard ended up with 29 points.

Houston Rockets' James Harden, center, is defended by Golden State Warriors' Andre Iguodala, left, and Klay Thompson during the first half of Game 2 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series in Oakland, Calif., Tuesday, April 30, 2019. AP

"He got raked pretty good in the eyes but he came back," Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni said. "That's him. He would have loved to play better but given the circumstances, he played great."

After the Warriors moved comfortably clear one final time with a burst from the midpoint of the final quarter onwards, there was no stopping them. Durant ended up with 29, Klay Thompson with 21 and Curry with 20.

And so Houston beckons and the season comes into sharp focus for the Rockets. The Warriors have not been perfect and have been made to work, but they have made the perfect start. Stopping them now will take more than a few more refereeing calls. It will require a complete turnaround.

## Bucks 123, Celtics 102

In Milwaukee, Giannis Antetokounmpo attacked the rim, Khris Middleton connected from long range and Eric Bledsoe turned in an effective performance.

The Milwaukee Bucks looked more like themselves in Game 2.

Antetokounmpo had 29 points and 10 rebounds and Middleton made seven of Milwaukee's franchise playoff-high 20 3-pointers, helping the Bucks even their second-round playoff series against the Boston Celtics with a victory Tuesday night.

Antetokounmpo, one of the top candidates for NBA MVP, went 7 for 16 from the floor and 13 of 18 at the foul line. It was an important turnaround for Milwaukee after he had 22 points on 7-for-21 shooting in Game 1 on Sunday.

Middleton finished with 28 points. Bledsoe, who was held to six points in the series opener, finished with 21 points and five assists.

The Bucks led by as many as 31 points after a closely played opening half. Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinal series is Friday night in Boston.

"I think that's more what we're accustomed to seeing," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said. "I liked our spirit, our activity, our competitiveness all up and down the roster. Giannis and Khris and Bled really set a tone.

"We need to capture that, take it to Boston with us and play that way up there."

Marcus Morris paced Boston with 17 points. Jaylen Brown had 16, and Al Horford finished with 15.

Kyrie Irving, who had 26 points and 11 assists in the Celtics' 112-90 victory in Game 1, had nine points on 4-of-18 shooting.

"We weren't very good on either end," coach Brad Stevens said.

Milwaukee broke it open by outscoring Boston 39-18 in the third quarter. Antetokounmpo scored 15 points in the period, including a 3-pointer over Horford to give the Bucks an 81-71 lead with 5:33 left.

Antetokounmpo tipped in his own miss and made another 3 to help Milwaukee pull away. The Bucks went on a 24-2 run to carry a 98-73 lead into the fourth.

"I think in Game 1 I didn't do a good job finding my teammates," Antetokounmpo said. "So of course I wanted to be aggressive, but then you've got to make the right plays. At the start of the game tonight, the right play was the pass."

Irving credited the Bucks' defensive plan.

"They did a great job of switching tonight and forcing me left," Irving said. "I started the game off well getting downhill and setting an example for my teammates of how we want to play. I just didn't put my stamp on that."

Brook Lopez and George Hill each finished with 10 points for Milwaukee, which went 20 for 47 from beyond the arc. Pat Connaughton grabbed 11 rebounds to help the Bucks to a 54-45 advantage on the glass.

Milwaukee switched on screens more often than usual and held Boston to 39.5% shooting (34 of 86).

"That's an easy thing for them to adjust to and I thought they did a very good job of it," Stevens said. "Basically, Giannis and smaller were doing that and they kept Lopez as a protector. They have a lot of defensive versatility. Everybody knew Game 1 was not going to repeat itself.

"They did a good job of owning the space on both ends of the court."

## Carter wants to return for 22nd season

Veteran Vince Carter said he will return to play his 22nd NBA season in 2019-20.

The 42-year-old averaged 7.7 points, 2.6 rebounds and 1.1 assists in 76 games for the Atlanta Hawks this campaign.

Carter signed a one-year deal worth $2.4million with the Hawks in August and the eight-time All-Star is not done yet.

"Yeah, I'm coming back," Carter, 42, told co-hosts Kent Bazemore and Annie Finberg on "Winging It" podcast while discussing Dwyane Wade and Dirk Nowitzki, who both retired at the end of this season.

When asked if he will return to the Hawks, Carter replied" "I would like to. We'll see what happens."

Carter initially was selected by the Warriors with the fifth pick in the 1998 NBA Draft before promptly being traded to the Toronto Raptors.

He spent the first six seasons of his career with the Raptors but went on to have stints with six other teams—the Brooklyn Nets, Orlando Magic, Phoenix Suns, Dallas Mavericks, Memphis Grizzlies and Sacramento Kings—before joining the Hawks.

Carter also eclipsed the 25,000-career point total and moved into 20th on NBA's all-time scoring list in March.

### Cavs interview J.B. Bickertstaff

In Cleveland, the Cavaliers are interviewing a coaching candidate with a very familiar name.

Former Memphis coach J.B. Bickerstaff is meeting Tuesday with the Cavaliers about their job, a person familiar with the team's coaching search told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because the team is not revealing its plans. Bickerstaff's father, Bernie, was a longtime NBA coach and currently is a senior adviser with the Cavaliers.

The 40-year-old Bickerstaff was fired earlier this month by the Memphis Grizzlies, who made a coaching change and demoted general manager Chris Wallace to their scouting department in the wake of a disappointing 33-49 season. The Grizzlies had numerous injuries and crumbled after a 12-5 start.

Bickerstaff was named the Grizzlies' interim coach in November 2017 to replace David Fizdale. Bickerstaff has previous experience as an assistant with Charlotte, Minnesota and Houston, and he has been praised for his ability to help develop young players.

Bickerstaff is the third known candidate to meet with the Cavaliers, along with Dallas assistant Jamahl Mosley and Miami assistant Juwan Howard. The team also is expected to interview Utah assistant Alex Jensen and has received permission to speak with Portland assistants David Vanterpool and Nate Tibbetts, who are still involved in the playoffs.

The Cavaliers are looking for their sixth coach since 2013 after parting ways with Larry Drew following a 19-63 season.

# Woods, Koepka, and Molinari grouped early

**CHARLOTTE**—The PGA Championship will continue its traditional grouping of the three most recent major champions.

That means it'll be Tiger Woods (Masters), Brooks Koepka (PGA) and Francesco Molinari (The Open) together for the first two rounds at Bethpage Black. The announcement was made Tuesday by PGA chief championships officer Kerry Haigh.

All three players factored earlier this month at the Masters.

Molinari had a two-shot lead over Woods and Tony Finau heading into the final round but made costly mistakes on the 13th and 15th holes. Koepka missed makeable birdie putts on Nos. 17 and 18 that could have put even more pressure on Woods, who instead won by a stroke for his 15th major title and first since 2008.

The PGA, which moved to May for the first time in 70 years, will begin May 16.

The rest of the featured groups for the second major of the year will be announced next Friday.

Meanwhile, Woods knew he was back in the game at the Masters when Molinari hit into the water on the 12th hole and made double bogey. From there, Woods relied on his vast experience at Augusta National.

That meant using his sight to understand the sounds.

In an interview last week with GOLFTV, Woods said one key to the back nine at the Masters is knowing where the leaderboards are located.

Tiger Woods hits on the 12th hole during the final round for the Masters golf tournament, Sunday, April 14, 2019, in Augusta, Ga. AP

"When I got down to 13, I got a chance to look at the board and see where everyone stood," he said. "I'm like, 'OK, the next board I see is not until 15, because there's no board on 14.' So I get a good understanding, see where they all are, look at what holes they're on in case I hear any roars who that might be.

"Obviously, there's significance to certain roars," he said. "But I want to know what players are in what position so after I played 14 and headed to 15, I have a pretty good understanding of what's going on."

Woods and Molinari made birdie on the 13th to reach 12 under, tied with Xander Schauffele, who had birdied the 14th. He didn't hear a big roar ahead on the 15th for either Schauffele, who made par, or Koepka, who narrowly missed a 20-foot eagle putt that would have given him the lead.

Woods made birdie on the 15th to take the lead, and his 8-iron to 2 feet on the 16th gave him a two-shot lead.

"I end up taking the lead at 15—they posted the number there," Woods said. "I hit it close on 16, so as I'm leaving 16 tee box, I take one last look at 15, because that's last time we see the board until 17 green. And so trying to get an understanding who is ahead of me, what their scenarios are, where they might make birdies. If I make birdie here and get to 14 (under), how many guys have a chance to get to 14-under par? ... I'm just trying to figure all that out.

"And meanwhile thinking, 'OK, let's just focus on my game.' But also, I've got to know the scenarios. It's like any other sport. You want to know time and distance, you want to know what's going on so you can play the appropriate shots."

He played enough right shots to win a fifth green jacket.

In other news, the PGA Tour left Washington again last year when Quicken Loans did not renew its title sponsorship of the event run by the Tiger Woods Foundation.

The nation's capital will get another taste of the best in golf.

Wells Fargo announced a five-year extension of its title sponsorship through 2024, which includes a trip to the TPC Potomac at Avenel Farms in 2021 when its normal host course, Quail Hollow, prepares for the Presidents Cup that year.

When Quail Hollow hosted the 2017 PGA Championship, the Wells Fargo Championship moved to Eagle Point in Wilmington that year.

Kendall Alley, the regional president for Wells Fargo, said the tour recommended TPC Potomac and officials liked what they saw.

"We listened to the players who told us they enjoy playing the golf course," Alley said. "It's historically been in the summer, so we'll have it in the first part of May, which is the bloom season in D.C. So I think it will be a great time for us to be there."

In some respects, the tournament is going back in time.

The Kemper Open was held at Quail Hollow from 1969 until it moved to Washington in 1980, held at Congressional. But after seven years at Congressional, it moved to the new TPC Avenel, which did not open to rave reviews. The field suffered until the course was redesigned and renamed in 2007.

Quail Hollow will host the Wells Fargo Championship next year and in 2022 through 2024. It also is expected to get another PGA Championship.

# Van de Beek gives Ajax 1-0 lead against Tottenham

**LONDON** (AP)—Even with a first Champions League final in 23 years in sight, Ajax has some regrets.

The way Ajax overpowered Tottenham at the start of their Champions League semifinal on Tuesday left the visitors feeling frustrated to only have a slender 1-0 advantage from the first leg, secured by Donny van de Beek's first-half goal.

"In the first 20 minutes we played really good," the 22-year-old midfielder said, "and after that Tottenham chased something."

Tottenham did chase in the second half, but with a side depleted by injuries and suspension it lacked the attacking end product to equalize.

"For the first 20 minutes of the game we were just ball watchers," Tottenham midfielder Christian Eriksen said. "We made them look a look better. They are a good side but we gave them the feeling they can control things."

The Dutch side was given too much space to string together slick passes early on, and Van de Beek ghosted into the penalty area to receive a throughball from Hakim Ziyech before knocking a shot past goalkeeper Hugo Lloris in the 15th minute.

"We were completely dominating," Ajax coach Erik ten Hag said. "Tottenham changed the system (to a back four), switched to a different gear and we weren't anticipating."

Tottenham, contesting their first European Cup semifinal in 57 years, was without injured striker Harry Kane the suspended Son Heung-min. It also had to contend with the loss of defender Jan Vertonghen in the first half with an injury that threw a fresh spotlight on soccer's handling of suspected concussions.

Vertonghen challenged for a header in the Ajax area but slammed his face into the back of teammate Toby Alderweireld's head, leaving him with blood pouring from a cut on his nose in the 32nd minute.

"With a head injury it can be dangerous," Ten Hag said on beIN Sports. "Take him off. Don't take risks with head injuries."

But Vertonghen received treatment on the field and went to change his bloodied white jersey. Referee Antonio Mateu Lahoz was pointing at his head as he spoke to Vertonghen, before allowing him to return to action in the 38th minute.

Vertonghen lasted only 40 seconds before going across to the sideline, leaning over and struggling to stand. Tottenham manager Mauricio Pochettino had to grab Vertonghen to stop him from keeling over before the Belgian was helped down the tunnel by two medical officials.

"At this moment you are focused on the game, it is too difficult to think too much," Pochettino said. "Only I need to listen and hear what (the medics) say and take a decision. I am never going to debate and put into question the decision of the medical staff."

## Barcelona manages Messi's time

In Madrid, For the biggest moments, there is always Lionel Messi.

The 31-year-old Argentine has been the key to Barcelona's success ever since he made his debut, but more and more this season he has been rested.

Wednesday won't be one of those days, as Barcelona faces Liverpool in the first leg of the Champions League semifinals.

"I've rested Messi more than usual but this has been a month with two Champions League clashes, and twice we had to play three games in a week," Barcelona coach Ernesto Valverde said on Tuesday. "We wanted to clinch the Spanish league title, but at the same time we also wanted to make sure he was prepared for this tie. I think I've probably got the balance right."

A few days ago, Messi won the Spanish league trophy for the 10th time in his 15 seasons with the Catalan club. He scored the decisive goal—yet another one—that allowed the team to clinch its eighth league title in 11 seasons.

He has also helped the team advance to a fifth straight Copa del Rey final, and reach the Champions League semifinals for the first time in four seasons.

"Messi is the centerpiece of our success," Valverde said after Barcelona won the league. "Obviously, since he arrived the club has won numerous titles. If there's a player above everyone else, it's him. He sets our style and his level of competitiveness improves everyone."

Barcelona knows it will need the best of Messi when it plays Liverpool at the Camp Nou, so the team has worked as hard as ever to manage his playing time and make sure he will be in top form at the Camp Nou.

# Agape notches 10th straight victory

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Agape Christian School floored Mount Carmel School, 37-20, in the Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools Association Middle School Basketball League yesterday at the Koblerville Gymnasium.

With the score knotted up at the end of the first half, 15-15, the Torchbearers shifted into overdrive after the break to pull away against the Knights and defeat them by 17 points. Agape kept its unbeaten record (10-0), while Mt. Carmel absorbed its second straight loss and now holds a 7-3 mark.

The Knights fell behind in the second half, as they were hampered by injuries to starters Leo Naraja and Gabby San Nicolas, with the former forced to leave the game late in the second period and the latter exited with 21 seconds left in the third. The Knights' reserves tried to make up for the absence of their key players, but Agape's firepower was too much to handle.

David Zheng, Jordan Miao, and Eason Tang teamed up in a 11-2 scoring run in the penultimate period to put Agape on top, 26-17. Miao scored 4 points off a contested putback and a fastbreak layup, while Tang hit a second-chance shot of his own as well. Zheng, on the other hand, drained a trey early in the period and swished a buzzer beating 15-footer to widen the gap. The Knights' lone field goal came from Raphael Galang's layup midway through the third canto.

Agape Christian School's Bobby Bao banks a shot during their middle school game against Mt. Carmel School in the CCOPSA caging yesterday at the Koblerville Gymnasium. ROBY N. PAMINTUAN

Then in the fourth period, the Torchbearers didn't let up with Tang gliding in for two fastbreak baskets and Miao drilling a 3-pointer. Samuel He and Caleb Dai also contributed for Agape, while Mt. Carmel was held to one field goal.

Before the second half melted down, the Knights gave Agape an early scare when they took a 9-5 lead. San Nicolas scored 4 points, while O'Hane Borja knocked in a trey and Derek Sasamoto hit a long-range deuce to give Mt. Carmel a good start.

However, Agape fought back in the second period, as it leaned heavily on Tang, who delivered three field goals. Zheng and Bobby Bao also scored for the standoff at the break.

Meanwhile, Saipan Community School routed the visiting Northern Marianas International School, 48-26.

Isaiah Aleksenko had a personal best and team-high 18 points for the Tsunamis and he got enough support from Charlie McDonald and Daniel Kang, who recorded 10 and 6 markers, respectively. Justin Mateo led the Phoenix with his 8 points, while Eddie Valdoz and J.P. Pineda submitted 6 apiece.

SCS improved to a 4-5 slate, while NMIS spiraled down to a 2-8 card.

In other results,Grace Christian Academy thumped Saipan International School, 46-35.

Co-captains, Lance Lerio and Ryan Daproza led the Eagles after making 11 points apiece, while Justin Du and Railee Yumul chipped in 8 and 6 markers, respectively. Daniel Nam top-scored for the Geckos with his 17 points, while Danny Lee registered 9.

GCA now has a 5-4 slate, while SIS holds an even 5-5 mark.

GCA will go for win No. 6 tomorrow, as it hosts Agape for a double-header, while SIS will visit Seventh Day Adventist.

**ACS 37**—Tang 12, Zheng 9, Miao 7, Bao 2, Dai 2, He 2, Li 2.

**MCS 20**—Naraja 11, San Nicolas 6, Borja 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 5-9, 15-15, 26-17, 37-20

Kagman High School paddlers make the turn during the 500m race in last Saturday's first leg of the Public School System Interscholastic Outrigger Canoe Competition at Kilili Beach. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

# MHS, Kagman slug it out

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Marianas High School and Kagman High School got in each other's way during the kickoff of the Public School System Interscholastic Outrigger Canoe Competition last Saturday at Kilili Beach.

In the girls 100m's first race, MHS was the top finisher after checking in at 6:42.1, while Kagman placed second at 7:43.6, and Saipan Southern High Schools was ranked third (10:40.3). In the same distance, but in the boys division, the Ayuyus got the better of the Dolphins with the former posting 6:23.2 against the latter's 6:38.7. The Manta Rays were at distant third after recording 7:04.9. For the mixed event, MHS regained the top spot after clocking in at 6:30.8 versus the 6:59.0 and 8:23.5 of Kagman and Saipan Southern.

In the second race of the same course, MHS went on to sweep the three divisions after posting 6:36.54, 6:35.3, and 6:27.3 in the girls, boys, and mixed events, respectively. Kagman was second in the girls and mixed, while Southern was the runner-up in the boys.

Then in the first 500m race, it was the Ayuyus' turn to top all three categories with their girls crew timing in at 3:37.7, the boys registering 2:56.0, and the mixed clocking in at 3:13.9.

For the same distance, in the second race, MHS narrowly won over Kagman in the girls division with the Lady Dolphins logging 3:30.0 against the Lady Ayuyus' 3:31.9. In the boys event, Kagman finished ahead at 2:59.6, while Southern (3:06.8) placed second and MHS (3:10.5) settled for third. The Dolphins then redeemed themselves in the mixed race after recording 3:08.3, about three seconds ahead of Kagman (3:11.1). Southern posted 3:33.7.

After last Saturday's first leg, the Northern Marianas National Paddle Sports Federation-sanctioned high school canoe competition will resume this Saturday and will also feature sprint events, while the long distance course will be contested on May 18. Then on May 25, the participating schools will go for all the marbles as they compete in the double-point sprint championships.

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and two bronzes. Gauran, Boyer, and Suzuki also gained several medals in the regional tournament.

The CNMI swimmers did an outstanding job in Palau despite the absence of an appropriate training venue and without having an actual tournament since the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi shut down in September last year. The 50-meter pool is still closed, while the Commonwealth swimmers continue to train in open water and hotel pools in preparation for the Pacific Games that will run from July 7 to 20.

"It's going to be another challenging swim meet, but I know we have each other's back. It's always an honor representing the CNMI, and I hope to make our islands proud," Thompson said.

The medal-rich swimming competition will take place at the Samoa Aquatic Centre from July 8 to 13. One hundred 20 medals are at stake in the swim meet (including open water) with 40 events scheduled in the contest, which will double as a qualifier for the 2020 Olympic Games.

## SHIRLEY'S

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from Juan Oh and Junsik Kim.

After eliminating KFAS, the Old B Bank will next face Paire Football Club this Sunday at 3pm for a slot in the division finals.

### Paire 6, Matansa 0

Paire advanced to the semis after a similar easy victory against Matansa last Sunday.

Daniel Agulto and Matt Epstein handed Paire two goals apiece, while Ajani Burell contributed one goal. Paire got an own goal off an error from Matansa's Gabriel Arkoh.

Though it cruised past Matansa, Paire started slow, as it took them more than 20 minutes before getting into the board. Burrell broke the dry spell in the 24th minute, while Agulto scored the second goal four minutes later. Paire kept going in the second half, while Matansa remained cold, as it finished the season without a single win.

### TanHoldings 12, Kanoa 1

In the other game in the division last Sunday, TanHoldings clobbered Kanoa to arrange a semis duel with the unbeaten CNMI Boys U18 National Team.

Mark Esalan starred in TanHoldings' lopsided win after registering five goals. Martin Jambor returned from a long layoff (due to injury) and contributed to the victory, making a hat trick. Louie Calayag, Emmanuel Aniana, and guest players Lucas and Andres Aldeguer were the other scorers for TanHoldings, while Raymond Zapanta logged Kanoa's lone goal.

TanHoldings will battle the undefeated CNMI Boys U18 this Sunday at 5pm for the second finals ticket in the division. The CNMI Boys U18 gained an outright semis slot after topping the regular season with its 6-0-0 win-draw-loss record.

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# 6 swimmers off to Pacific Games

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Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation has named its six-member team to the 2019 Pacific Games.

The squad has a young crew in 15-year-old Aika Watanabe and 14-year-old Juhn Tenorio of Swimming Center Tsunami Saipan, and 16-year-old Jinju Thompson, 15-year-old Sophia Gauran, 16-year-old Lennosuke Suzuki, and 18-year-old David Boyer of Saipan Swim Club.

"I am really excited to represent the CNMI in the South Pacific Games. Tsunami Saipan and Saipan Swim Club members are uniting as one team and I find it special that we are all supportive of each other," Thompson said.

Watanabe, who missed last year's World Championships in China, is thankful that she is given another opportunity to represent the CNMI.

"It's a great pleasure to be selected as one of the CNMI representatives. I am very nervous, but also very excited to compete," Watanabe said.

All six swimmers were members of the CNMI Team that dominated the Inaugural Micronesian Swimming Championships held in Palau last month. The Commonwealth bets hauled 44 gold medals, 28 silvers, and 10 bronzes to beat Palau (17-22-31), Pohnpei (8-10-7), and the Marshall Islands (8 silvers, 10 bronzes).

Watanabe stood out among the six, as she was named top athlete in the over 13 age group after collecting nine gold medals (including relay) and three silvers. Tenorio earned four golds, four silvers, and one bronze, while Thompson delivered one gold medal, five silvers,

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# Shirley's eases way to finale

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Shirley's Football Club cruised to the title game in the Division B of the 2019 Spring Men's M-League after dominating the CNMI Women's National Team in the semis, 6-1, last Sunday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Shirley's will play in the May 19 finals against the winner in the other semis match between Sun Palace and Pacific Islands Club. The remaining semifinals game was originally set for last weekend, but is rescheduled for tonight due to the unavailability of referees.

While Sun Palace and PIC have to wait for a few more days to determine their fate this season, Shirley's moved a win away from clinching the division crown after easing past the WNT.

Four different players delivered in Shirley's' semis victory. Hojin Woo was one of them, as he knocked in the first and last goals for the winning squad, scoring in the 10th and 78th minute. Hoin Ryu duplicated Woo's feat, as the former found his target in the 47th and 62nd minute, allowing Shirley's to break the game wide open after clinging to a 2-1 lead halftime lead.

The WNT was in contention in the first half, as it stunned the favored Shirley's by drawing first blood off Britany Wally's goal in the eighth minute. However, Shirley's quickly countered off Woo's shot, while Heng Guo Piao put the team on top with his goal in the 25th minute.

Shirley's went on to widen the gap in the second half behind Ryu's pair of goals, while James Yan also contributed to the win with his conversion in the 46th minute.

## DIVISION A

### Old B Bank 7, KFAS 2

The Old B Bank notched the second semis ticket in Division A after ousting Korean Football Association on Saipan last Thursday.

Hwapyoung Kim powered the Old B Bank past KFAS after firing five goals. He teamed up with Michiteru Mita in crushing the hapless KFAS as the CNMI Men's National Team head coach chipped in two goals.

KFAS got its pair of goals

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Shirley's Football Club's Hojin Woo, right, dribbles in front of the defense of the CNMI Women's National Team's Jerlyn Castillo during the second half of their semis game in Division B of the 2019 Spring Men's M-League last Sunday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.